

## **Appendix B: Public Involvement**



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Outreach Type	Date and Location
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<b>Letters of Intent to Study Stakeholder Working Group</b>	
Meeting	April 7, 2008, Summit Christian Church, 7075 Pyramid Highway
Meeting	July 28, 2008, Desert Research Institute
Meeting	April 27, 2009, Spanish Springs Library
Meeting	November 9, 2009, Spanish Springs Library
Letters of Dissolution for SWG	June 14, 2011
<b>Public Meetings/Open House/Workshops</b>	
Public scoping meeting	April 15, 2008, Lazy 5 Community Center, 7100 Pyramid Highway, Sparks, Nevada, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Public open house	March 4, 2009, Lazy 5 Community Center, 7100 Pyramid Highway, Sparks, NV, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Public open house	April 29, 2009, Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sun Valley community workshop	January 19, 2011, Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sun Valley neighborhood meeting	October 26, 2011, Hobey's Casino, 5195 Sun Valley Boulevard, Sun Valley, NV, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sun Valley neighborhood meeting	January 31, 2012, Truckee Meadows Community College, 7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno, NV, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Spanish Springs Public Open House	June 13, 2012, Yvonne Shaw Middle School, 600 Eagle Canyon Drive, Sparks, NV, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Small Group Meetings</b>	
Meeting	October 19, 2009, Tanamera Development/ Iractabal Properties
Meeting	November 12, 2009, Wingfield Nevada Group, Wingfield Nevada Group Offices
Meeting	January 12, 2010, Desert Research Institute meeting, RTC Offices
Meeting	February 12, 2010, Washoe County Sheriff's Office meeting, NDOT offices
Meeting	April 11, 2011, City of Sparks Council Presentation, Sparks City Hall Council Chambers

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<b>Sun Valley General Improvement District (GID)</b>	
Meeting	February 11, 2010, Sun Valley GID
Meeting	January 27, 2011, Sun Valley GID
Meeting	July 14, 2011, Sun Valley GID
Field Trip	March 11, 2013, Alternative 3 Alignment (Ridgeline)
Field Trip	February 18, 2013, Alternative 3 Alignment (Ridgeline)
<b>Citizen Advisory Board (CAB)</b>	
Meeting	April 11, 2009, Sun Valley CAB meeting
Meeting	November 14, 2009, Sun Valley CAB meeting
Meeting	November 16, 2009, North Valleys CAB/NAB meeting
Meeting	January 13, 2010, Spanish Springs CAB meeting
Meeting	April 10, 2010, Sun Valley CAB meeting
Meeting	January 8, 2011, Sun Valley CAB meeting
Meeting	January 12, 2011, Spanish Springs CAB meeting
Meeting	July 9, 2011, Sun Valley CAB meeting
Meeting	November 5, 2011, Sun Valley CAB meeting



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### **Notice of Intent**

Application scenario	Number of annual respondents	Completion time (minutes)	Burden hours
Applicants age 12 or older who need to answer additional questions so SSA can determine whether an SSN was previously assigned .....	40,000	9½	6,333
Applicants asking for a replacement SSN card beyond the new allowable limits (i.e., who must provide additional documentation to accompany the application) .....	4,000	60	4,000
Totals .....	13,584,000	.....	1,933,000

Dated: February 25, 2008.

**Elizabeth A. Davidson,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6113]

### Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice; FACA Committee meeting announcement.

*Summary:* As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Department of State gives notice of the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services. This Committee has been formed in fulfillment of the provisions of the 2006 Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Pub. L. 109-435) and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

*Public input:* Any member of the public interested in providing public input to the meeting should contact Mr. Chris Wood, whose contact information is listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Each individual providing oral input is requested to limit his or her comments to five minutes. Requests to be added to the speaker list must be received in writing (letter, e-mail or fax) prior to the close of business on March 18, 2008; written comments from members of the public for distribution at this meeting must reach Mr. Wood by letter, e-mail or fax by this same date.

### Agenda of the Meeting

The agenda will include the following subjects:

- Preparations for U.S. participation in the UPU Congress to take place in Geneva from July 23 to August 12, 2008.
- Extra-territorial offices of exchange (ETOEs).

—Performance measurement.

—Customs clearance.

*Date:* March 25, 2008 from 2 p.m. to about 5 p.m. (open to the public).

*Location:* Room 1482, George C. Marshall Conference Center, Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520. Individuals attending the Committee meeting should enter the State Department at the 21st Street entrance, where photo identification will be required to be displayed to Diplomatic Security before entering the building. One of the following forms of valid photo identification will be required for admission to the State Department building: U.S. driver's license, U.S. Government identification card, or any valid passport.

For further information, please contact Christopher Wood, Office of Technical Specialized Agencies (IO/T), Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State, at (202) 647-1044, [woodcs@state.gov](mailto:woodcs@state.gov).

Dated: February 21, 2008.

**Dennis M. Delehanty,**

*Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services.*

Dated: February 21, 2008.

**Dennis M. Delehanty,**

*Foreign Affairs Officer, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Washoe County, NV

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Washoe County, NV.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Abdelmoez Abdalla, Environmental Project Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 705 North Plaza Street, Suite 220, Carson City, Nevada 89701-0602, Telephone: (775) 687-1231; Mr. Steve Cooke, Chief, Environmental Service Division, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), 1263 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89712, Telephone: (775) 888-7686; or Mr. Doug Maloy, Project Manager, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada 89502, Telephone: (775) 335-1865.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the NDOT, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve Pyramid Way (SR 44) from Queen Way to Calle de la Plata Drive and a proposal for a new corridor from Vista Boulevard to US-395 near the Parr/Dandini Interchange in Washoe County, Nevada. The FHWA will serve as the Lead Federal agency while the NDOT and the RTC will serve as Joint Lead Agencies. The new SAFETEA-LU environmental review process will be followed.

The purpose of the proposed project is to address regional mobility, congestion, and safety challenges faced by motorists and pedestrians that travel Pyramid highway to Spanish Springs and Pyramid Lake. Improvements to the existing corridor (Pyramid Highway) are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand. There will be a "No Build Alternative" and "Build Alternatives" developed that may include improvements to existing Pyramid Highway from Queen Way to Calle de la Plata and a possible new roadway between US-395 and Vista Boulevard.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A formal scoping meeting will be held later this year or early next year. Public notice will be

given of the time and place of the meeting.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments, and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, 49 CFR 1.48(d)(17), and 40 CFR 1501.7.

Issued on: February 20, 2008.

**Susan E. Klekar,**

*Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Nevada Division, Carson City, Nevada.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, Forsyth County, NC

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Limitations on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA and Other Federal Agencies.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA and other Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, from U.S. 158 southwest of Winston-Salem to U.S. 311 southeast of Winston-Salem in Forsyth County, North Carolina. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

**DATES:** By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before August 27, 2008. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clarence W. Coleman, P. E., Operations

Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Ste 410, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27601-1418; Telephone: (919) 747-7014; e-mail: [clarence.coleman@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:clarence.coleman@fhwa.dot.gov). FHWA North Carolina Division Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time). You may also contact Gregory J. Thorpe, PhD, Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch Manager, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), 1 South Wilmington Street (Delivery), 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548; Telephone (919) 733-3141, [gthorpe@dot.state.nc.us](mailto:gthorpe@dot.state.nc.us). NCDOT—Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the FHWA and other Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of North Carolina: the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, Forsyth County, North Carolina. The proposed action would be the construction of a 34.2-mile multi-lane divided, controlled access highway on new location from U.S. 158 southwest of Winston-Salem to U.S. 311 southeast of Winston-Salem in Forsyth County, North Carolina. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (Western Section)/Final Environmental Impact Statement (Eastern Section and Eastern Section Extension) (SFEIS/FEIS) for the project, approved on January 11, 2007, in the FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) issued on February 15, 2008, and in other documents in the FHWA administrative record. The SFEIS/FEIS, ROD, and other documents in the FHWA administrative record file are available by contacting the FHWA or NCDOT at the addresses provided above. The FHWA SFEIS/FEIS and ROD can be viewed at the NCDOT—Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch, 1 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina; NCDOT—Division 9 Office, 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation, City Hall South, 101 East First Street, Room 307, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].

3. *Land:* Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303]; Landscaping and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 319].

4. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536], Marine Mammal Protection Act [16 U.S.C. 1361], Anadromous Fish Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 757(a)-757(g)], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712], Magnuson-Stevenson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*].

5. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-11]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013].

6. *Social and Economic:* Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].

7. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [16 U.S.C. 4601-4604]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300(f)-300(j)(6)]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271-1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; TEA-21 Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m), 133(b)(11)]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001-4128].

8. *Hazardous Materials:* Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. 9601-9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) [42 U.S.C. 6901-6992(k)].

9. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with

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### **Stakeholder Working Group Meetings**



## Meeting Minutes

**Project:** Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection

**Purpose:** Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) Meeting #1

**Date Held:** April 7th, 2008

**Location:** Summit Christian Church, High Country Room  
7075 Pyramid Highway, Sparks NV

**Attendees:** **RTC:** Doug Maloy, Michael Moreno  
**CH2M HILL:** Cindy Potter, Leslie Regos  
**Jacobs Carter Burgess.:** Jim Caviola, David Dodson, Steve Oxoby  
**SWG Members:** See attached sign-in sheet.

**Copies:** Attendees, File

***NOTE: The next SWG Meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 2008 from 5:30 – 7:30 at the Spanish Springs Library, 7100A Pyramid Highway, Sparks, Nevada (Lazy 5 Park Complex). A meeting reminder will be sent 2 weeks in advance along with an agenda.***

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## Summary of Discussion:

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

- Doug Maloy welcomed the group, thanked them for their attendance and for their participation.
- Leslie Regos gave an explanation of the intent of this meeting.
- SWG and PMT members introduced themselves.

### 2. Project Overview & Goals

- Leslie gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following project issues (See attached PowerPoint presentation):
  - a. Project corridor history:
    - i. Development of the RTC's Pyramid Corridor Management Plan and its recommendations, "Package C".
  - b. Project goals:
    - i. A collaborative process to develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and preliminary engineering of a preferred alternative.
  - c. Project details:
    - i. Project study area.
    - ii. Study schedule with approximate milestone dates.

- d. Team organization:
  - i. The RTC (the lead agency), NDOT, FHWA, consultants and sub-consultants work in collaboration with the Stakeholder Working Group (SWG), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Project Steering Team (PST) and the general public. The roles for each group were defined.

**The Role of the SWG**

- a. Communicate community needs and vision.
  - b. Advisory body to the PMT.
  - c. Initially will meet every other month, eventually will meet quarterly.
  - d. Serve as point of contact representing the body of each individual organization.
  - e. Provide input on proposed project alternatives.
  - f. Communicate project information to individual organizations and general public.
  - g. Serve as an extension of the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Project team.
- e. Intent of the Purpose and Need.
    - i. It is the backbone of the NEPA document.
    - ii. It establishes existing conditions to which the agency is proposing significant taxpayer investment and environmental impact.
    - iii. It discusses the relationship between existing and desired conditions.
  - f. Review of the project development process:
    - i. Federal funding and significant environmental impacts initiate the NEPA process.
    - ii. Benefits of the NEPA process.
    - iii. Coordinating and participating agencies involved.
    - iv. Public outreach.
    - v. Environmental justice.
    - vi. Alternative Screening (See handout).
    - vii. Project Milestone Schedule.

**3. Proposed Protocols and Working Agreements for the SWG and the PMT.**

- See handout, highlights include:
  - a. Proposed attendance expectations.
  - b. Proposed meeting format, documentation and internal communication.
  - c. Proposed Process for Making Recommendations.
  - d. External communication protocol.
  - e. Proposed ground rules for working together as a team.

**4. Review and Discuss Draft Purpose & Need (See handout):**

- Need to address existing congestion.
  - a. Level of Service (LOS) Defined.
    - i. Related to time delay at intersections.

- ii. Related to density and speed on roadway segments.
    - iii. LOS E can be the most efficient in relation to traffic volumes.
  - b. The current RTC LOS standard policy for arterial roadways is currently LOS D inside McCarran Blvd. and LOS C outside McCarran Blvd. during the AM and PM peak hour.
  - c. The RTC is recommending that the local agencies adopt changing the design requirements from LOS C to LOS E for regional roads with year 2030 projected average daily traffic volumes in excess of 27,000 ADT.
  - d. The existing LOS on Pyramid Highway from McCarran Blvd. to north of Queen Way is E and F during the AM and PM peak hour.
- Need to address existing and forecasted population growth.
    - iv. Projections include 2040 numbers.
  - Need to address travel inefficiencies.
  - Need to address existing safety issues.
  - Need to address existing and future regional access needs.
  - Need to be consistent with the current regional and local plans.
  - It is crucial to define the Purpose and Need correctly.

**5. Standard Meeting Dates and Times**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30, approximately every other month
- Next meeting will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at the Spanish Springs Library  
7100A Pyramid Highway Sparks, NV (Lazy 5 Park Complex)

**6. Questions & Comments**

- *Will there be additional capacity provided by NDOT to US395 to accommodate the potential increase in traffic volume generated by the completion of a Pyramid & US 395 connection?*
  - a. Other regional studies are ongoing (Example: Pyramid/McCarran Intersection).
  - b. NDOT completed the Washoe County Freeway Corridor Study which detailed the improvements needed to the existing freeway infrastructure based on forecasted population and traffic growth. The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection was included in this study and ties into the master plan completed by NDOT to address regional needs.
- In addressing the regional access needs, individual property owners, both commercial and residential might be adversely affected. Direct access to Pyramid Highway could be cut off.
- *Will traffic volumes and other data be presented?*
  - a. Yes, traffic data has been collected and will be presented for the first time during the public meeting on 4/15/08, and at future SWG meetings.
- *How can the forecasted population growth numbers be trusted when past forecasts were incorrect?*
  - a. This is a valid concern and forecasts are recognized as being approximate, but population growth is expected regardless.
  - b. Should show how population growth forecasts are determined.
- *Are there plans for a west to east connection from Pyramid over to Vista Blvd?*
  - a. An east/west connection from Pyramid to Vista Blvd. is included in the study.
- *Have any roadway alternatives been developed?*

- a. At this stage in the project, there have only been discussions amongst the team of potential interchange locations. Alternatives have yet to be studied or developed.
- *What is the status of the Sun Valley Western project? What would happen to the LOS along the Pyramid corridor if this project were to take place?*
  - a. The West Sun Valley Arterial project is part of the recommendation of the Pyramid Corridor Management Plan ("Package C"), and is also a part of the 2030 plan, however it is considered a separate project from this one and is not considered as high priority for the RTC at this time.
- It appears from the project study map that any alternatives developed in this area would just be creating new "bottlenecks" or pinch points at different areas along US 395 and at McCarran.
  - a. This intent of this study is to find a solution to traffic issues along the Pyramid Corridor and to provide an alternative route east to west. We can not solve all of the regional traffic issues with this one project. We need to work in conjunction with the other studies ongoing in the region to best manage new traffic being introduced to other facilities and locations.
- *There is a free right turn being designed at the Pyramid/McCarran intersection, will this affect traffic volumes along the Pyramid corridor?*
  - a. This is a short term solution to the existing traffic issues at this intersection and it is assumed that the need for improvements along the Pyramid corridor and an east/west connection will still be warranted.
  - b. The consulting firm (Parsons) working on the Pyramid/McCarran intersection is a sub-consultant to Jacobs Carter Burgess on this project and we will coordinate with them closely.
  - c. Currently there are only three north/south alternatives to access the Spanish Springs area and existing traffic is currently accessing US 395. This situation will not change, and one of the intentions of this project is to study more efficient north/south routes and US 395 access alternatives.
- *What effect will the Southeast Connector have on traffic numbers along US 395?*
  - a. We will be working with local agencies and our own traffic experts to incorporate regional plans and forecasted traffic volumes into our study.

## **7. Next Steps**

- A public meeting will be held next week on 4/15/08 at the Lazy 5 Community Center from 4:00 to 7:30. A display with existing and forecasted traffic volumes will be provided.
- The next SWG meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at the Spanish Springs Library 7100A Pyramid Highway Sparks, NV (Lazy 5 Park Complex)
- After the June meeting it will be decided if the SWG should move to quarterly meetings.



## Meeting Minutes

**Project:** Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study

**Purpose:** Stakeholder Working Group

**Date Held:** July 28, 2008

**Location:** Desert Research Institute  
2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno NV

**Attendees:**

<b>RTC:</b>	Doug Maloy
<b>Jacobs Carter Burgess:</b>	Bryan Gant, Steve Oxoby, David Dodson
<b>CH2M HILL:</b>	Leslie Regos, Mark Gallegos
<b>SWG Members:</b>	See attached sign-in roster

**Copies:** SWG Membership, Attendees, File

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## Summary of Discussion:

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Leslie Regos welcomed attendees and provided a brief overview of the agenda.
- Attendees introduced themselves.
- Handouts provided for review and discussion:
  - Draft SWG Summary of Level One Alternatives Development and Screening
  - Draft Level One Screening Table

### 2. 5 - Minute Opportunity

- SWG Members were provided an opportunity to discuss any questions/thoughts that might have been brought to their attention by their respective constituencies.
- Greg Bortolin of the Desert Research Institute (DRI) expressed his hope that the current congestion and safety/access issues on Dandini Boulevard around the DRI and TMCC would be addressed either within this study or other upcoming projects.

### 3. Study Status and Schedule – Leslie Regos

- Still within the scoping and alternatives development and Level 1 Screening process. The team is working to screen alternatives down to a manageable number that can then be looked at in more detail from an environmental and engineering design standpoint within the Level 2 Screening
- Leslie walked through the remaining steps of the process and the anticipated time frames through completion of the Final EIS. The Team is currently 9-10 months into the process and currently on schedule.

### 4. Review of Alternatives Methodology – Leslie Regos

- Leslie provided a refresher on the screening methodology that is being used.
- The SWG was reminded that the purpose of the screening process is to funnel the multiple possible alternatives to a smaller number which are found to be technically sound, financially affordable, and have the majority of support of the involved agencies and the public.
- The goal of the Level 1 Screening was to identify and eliminate those alternatives that did not meet Purpose and Need and/or were otherwise fatally flawed.
- The team anticipates that the Level 2 screening will occur by late fall. Once the Level 2 screening is complete, the next SWG meeting would be scheduled so that the Team can share its findings with the SWG.
- Attendees were advised that any newly identified alternatives can be put through this same process during the study and were encouraged to share new ideas for possible alternatives as they arise.
- Alternatives screened at this point came from a variety of sources including the RTC's Corridor Management Plan, the public scoping meeting held, and ideas developed by the Team as they looked and the corridor and considered other improvements not previously introduced.

#### **5. Review of Level 1 Screening Results**

- An overview of each of the alternatives evaluated to date was provided to attendees while referencing the "SWG Summary Level One Alternatives Development and Screening" handout provided to attendees.
- Attendees were reminded that the Level 1 Screening is a high-level screening using more qualitative rather than quantitative assessment.
- The study area has been expanded as a result of feedback received during the first SWG and public meetings which requested the Team look at alternatives within the areas a little more to the north and west of the original proposed study area. A map of the newly expanded study area provided for reference.
- System Alternatives were described by David Dodson including an explanation of the "no-action" alternative and how this would be used as a control model in accordance with NEPA requirements.
- Transit Alternatives overview was provided by Steve Oxoby.
- Highway alignment and lane type alternatives overview was provided by Bryan Gant.
- Bryan explained to the attendees that many of the highway alignments were a product of the previous study performed within the corridor. The team has gone back and taken another look at the underlying data and assumptions and compared these to data available today to determine if these alternatives are still viable. In most cases they were.
- Team recommendations for Level 1 elimination were discussed referencing the Draft Level 1 Screening table provided.
- Leslie Regos provided an overview of the qualitative process and questions asked during the Level 1 screening used in developing the recommendations of the team and provided a table illustrating the initial results/recommendations for review and discussion.
- A brief discussion of the 2040 RTP was provided in order to give attendees a sense of how this study ties in with other potential future improvements throughout the region to provide a better overall system perspective.
- Bryan Gant reminded attendees that the study process allows for additional alternatives to be considered at any point during the process and encouraged attendees to bring forward possible alternatives that might come up in meetings with their constituencies as they arise.
- Attendees were advised that the Team would be happy to send a representative to discuss the study with their respective organizations if desired. Also, if questions/comments/ideas come up prior to the next meeting, attendees are encouraged to contact the Study Team.

**NOTE:** The following "Q&A" and "Additional Comments" sections provide a brief summary of discussions that took place during the meeting. These sections are not documented in strict

chronological order, but rather they combine related discussions that took place at different times during the meeting.

**6. Q & A**

Q: If there are any proposed alternatives that impact BLM land, would that add more time to the process?

A: Yes. However, we are working with the FHWA, BLM and other agencies to determine up-front if there are any issues so that these can be addressed as early in the process as possible and hopefully limit any impacts to the study schedule.

Q: With regard to Transportation Demand Management (TDM) options, do you actually survey the public and companies to see if they are willing to participate in the various TDM options?

A: The RTC has a proactive education campaign to advise business and the public of the various options and also performs various surveys to gauge interest. TDM would not necessarily be a stand-alone solution, but it is important to capture it as a potential supplemental alternative to be used in conjunction with other alternatives.

Q: What is the difference between Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Transportation System Management (TSM).

A: TDM is focused on changes in individual driver behavior with regard to how they use the transportation system and roadways (people focused). TSM is managing the actual system differently through signalization and timing, changeable message signs, etc. in order to help the system operate more efficiently (technology focused).

Q: Could the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lane also be used as a carpool lane rather than having a lane dedicated only to buses?

A: This type of combination has never been tried before so we are uncertain how efficiently a dual purpose lane would operate given that buses would have to constantly slow down to make stops and therefore affect carpool traffic. There would potentially be options of managing the lane such that it is mixed purpose during certain times of day.

Q: What about using reversible lanes?

A: This has been carried over as a supplemental alternative that may prove useful in conjunction with potential highway/roadway alternatives.

Q: What is the difference between a freeway and an expressway?

A: A freeway would be completely access controlled, grade separated, with limited access to cross roads via on- and off-ramps only (US 395 through Reno is an example of this). An expressway operates much like a freeway however would have occasional intersections, traffic lights, etc (US 395 south of Carson City heading down into Douglas County would be an example).

Q: Are you looking at any freeway alternatives that parallel Pyramid rather than using the existing altering the existing Pyramid?

A: We are looking at potential traffic impacts if we were to run alignments to the west parallel of the existing Pyramid alignment. We might want to consider whether the "relocating" or "realigning" of Pyramid should be called out as a separate alternative and studied accordingly.

Q: Shouldn't we be preserving right of way along the Pyramid Highway to accommodate potential future widening?

A: The RTC does make recommendations to local agencies and developers regarding future right of way needs along Pyramid in accordance with the updated Pyramid Corridor Management Plan. The challenge with acquiring right of way is funds are more apt to be used on current needs and are not readily available to acquire property from a developer and they are not willing to give up property without compensation.

Q: If a connection is made to US 395 at the Parr/Dandini area, won't this negatively impact traffic already existing on US 395? Traffic is already pretty heavy during peak hours within this area?

A: As we move into the Level 2 screening and beyond we would begin to take a more in-depth look at system improvements that would need to be made within impacted areas to accommodate the increased flow of traffic.

Q: On some of these freeway alternatives that would restrict local access, would there be frontage roads to provide this type of local access?

A: This level of analysis would take place in the later screening levels, but it is anticipated that frontage roads would need to be a part of these particular alternatives.

Q: Why was light rail eliminated at this stage? I think that this option from Spanish Springs through to Carson City would be of great benefit.

A: The reason light rail has been screened out was due to projected densities in the Spanish Springs area not being sufficient to support a full transit alternative of this type. The 2040 projections show approximately 2.5 dwelling units per acre in this area. We would need to be up around 8 dwelling units per acre and above to support mass transit on the scale required for light rail and the associated costs of construction and operation.

Q: When you do this type of planning, do you actually go out and look at the roadways to see what is along side these roadways?

A: This level of detail is analyzed and considered as we move further along in the screening process. It is possible that alternatives carried forward at this point will be eliminated as we move forward into greater detailed analysis.

Q: Is it more cost-effective to build on an existing alignment or to start from scratch on a new alignment?

A: That will vary from case to case and is dependent on multiple variables with right-of-way acquisition being one of the largest components of this.

Q: Has there been any study with regard to which direction(s) most of the traffic is traveling?

A: Yes. Studies have shown that traffic moves in all directions as the Reno/Sparks area does not have a central employment center, but rather employment centers are distributed throughout the region. This pattern of development will continue into the future, and therefore, the need to provide increased connectivity and flow in all directions throughout the entire system will continue to be of importance.

## **7. Additional Comments**

- It is important to keep in mind that with future development planned for the North Valleys (Stead/Red Rock areas), these areas will eventually become more of an employment center which makes east/west connections from US 395 to east Sparks even more critical in the future.
- There should be less reliance on north south connections by providing east/west connections and include access at Dandini and 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- Connectivity should be considered so as not to preclude access to and from local development.
- When restricting of access is discussed, it is assumed by the RTC and the Team that local networks will need to be studied and potentially improved to make sure that needed local access is still maintained and adequate so as not to disrupt commerce and travel within the affected areas.
- We are using traffic numbers from the latest 2040 plan which has not been completely adopted yet, to make sure that we are using the latest numbers available.
- Reno does not have a central business district, there are instead several employment centers spread out around the area and this pattern will continue with future planned development. This means that we are not looking at moving traffic between just a couple of major areas but instead are needing to move traffic efficiently throughout the entire system. It is also important to keep in mind that this study is not intended to solve all of the traffic problems throughout the system. We are only looking at one piece of the system. There are many other projects identified in the RTC's 2040 plan which will tie into the study we are working on and are being taken into consideration while we evaluate alternatives for this study.
- I think alternatives H-6, H-7, H-16, H-17, and H-18 are going to run into some major environmental issues. Washoe County Parks just finished our open space plan so we have a lot of data on the properties that could be affected that I would be happy to share with you (Jen Budge).
- I think we need to start looking at other ways of moving traffic rather than always directing everything onto US 395 and I-80.
- I am concerned that by the time any improvements are made they will already be obsolete and that the local governments need to start being more aggressive when it comes to transportation and traffic planning and getting projects built.
- There are currently 2 ballot issues on the table in order to help close the gap in funding so that needed projects can be built, but it is going to require public support to make it happen.
- The team will be looking at possibly studying a parallel alignment to Pyramid Highway as a separate alternative.
- Alternatives H-14 and H-15 should connect to Sparks Boulevard.
- West Sun Valley is critical for north/south movements.
- It seems as though H-16, 17, and 18 carry everything to US 395, which is already pretty close to capacity. I think H-14 and 15 would provide better flow as they give "double access" providing better connections to US 395 as well as I-80.

**NOTE: The next meeting will be scheduled once the Level 1 Screening is completed and the Team has begun moving into the Level 2 Screening. The Team anticipating that this will occur sometime in the late fall of 2008.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

**Project:** Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection

**Purpose:** Stakeholder Working Group

**Date Held:** April 27, 2009

**Location:** Spanish Springs Library, Pauite Room  
7100A Pyramid Highway, Sparks, NV

**Attendees:**

<b>RTC:</b>	Doug Maloy, Michael Moreno
<b>Jacobs Carter Burgess:</b>	Bryan Gant
<b>CH2M HILL:</b>	Leslie Regos, Mark Gallegos
<b>SWG Members:</b>	Vaughn Hartung, Steve Grosz, Brooke Keast, Scott Nebesky, Katherine McGrath

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## Summary of Discussion:

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Leslie Regos welcomed attendees and provided a brief overview of the agenda.
- Attendees introduced themselves.
- Attendees were advised of Public Open House scheduled to be held at Sun Valley Neighborhood Center on 4/29/2009.
- Handouts provided for review and discussion:
  - Level 2A Screening Results
  - Level 2A Alignment Alternatives

### 2. 5 - Minute Opportunity

- SWG Members were provided an opportunity to discuss any questions/thoughts that might have been brought to their attention by their respective constituencies.
- A recommendation was made to adjust to later start times for public meetings based on feedback from various Sun Valley residents. 5:30 pm start time seems to work better for most residents.
- A concern was expressed regarding the open house format. Many of the same questions are being asked multiple times. Might be more productive to have a short 15-20 minute presentation with short Q&A, followed by open house. This concern is based on feedback received from residents in attendance at previous meetings.
- A recommendation was made to run all public meetings through the CAB's so that the CAB chair can assist in maintaining control of the meeting as well as provide time limit rules for public comment.

**3. Project Status and Schedule – Leslie Regos**

- Leslie explained that the screening process to-date has been based on high-level, fatal-flaw analysis to screen out those potential alternatives that do not meet purpose and need for the project, have significant impacts, or are otherwise considered to be not feasible.
- There has been some high-level impact data gathered and analyzed including relocations, habitat, flood plains, and recreation area impacts.
- The next step is to take the remaining alternatives and begin more detailed engineering and analysis to determine a preferred alternative to take into the EIS documentation.
- Currently the team is on schedule to have the draft EIS (DEIS) document prepared in early 2010.

**4. Review of Level 2A Screening Results – Bryan Gant**

- Bryan advised that although the study team is midway through the process, the level of effort and detail will be increasing as the team progresses through the study toward the drafting of the EIS. Most of the detailed engineering will be starting as the team moves into the next phases of the study.
- A brief refresher of the alternatives screening process and levels of analysis was provided.
- Overview of each of the 3 concepts remaining after the Level 2A screening was provided (H6, H7, and H17).
- A summary of the findings that led to the elimination of those concepts not carried forward was provided.
- The next screening level (2B) will involve more detailed engineering of possible alignments within the remaining concepts to further determine feasibility and get a better idea of the true impacts of each of the remaining alternatives. The team anticipates having much more defined alignments within the next 4-6 weeks.
- Level 3 analysis is anticipated to begin late May to early June. This level of analysis will begin to look at horizontal and vertical alignments, potential interchange types and locations, access impacts, facility types, and strategies to perpetuate local street networks. This will be the level in which the team will begin analysis of lane type options, transit options, and bicycle/pedestrian access.
- Moving into Level 2B, the team will be narrowing down the number of concepts from the 3 concepts being carried over from the Level 2A screening to either 1 or 2 concepts to be carried into the more detailed Level 3 screening. In Level 3, the remaining concepts will then be developed into various alignment options that will be further analyzed, screened, and narrowed to a preferred alternative(s).
- Residential relocations have been the primary environmental impact leading to the screening out of alternatives. Open space and park property impacts have also been a major contributing factor in the screening analysis thus far. Parks and open space impacts will continue to be a major decision factor as the team moves forward into the next screening levels.

**5. Next Steps – Leslie Regos**

- The project team will be working on more detailed engineering analysis on the remaining concepts through the summer.
- The SWG is anticipated to meet again in late August to September to review and discuss the engineering sketches produced in the interim and provide information on the concepts that will be carried into the DEIS.
- The next formal public meeting will be scheduled when the DEIS is complete. The team is considering going to the CAB's in the interim to give the public an opportunity to comment as the team finalizes the concepts to be carried into the DEIS.
- SWG membership will be provided information, as it becomes available, that can be shared with their respective organizations and constituencies. Information will also continue to be posted to the website.

**NOTE:** The following “Q&A” and “Additional Comments” sections provide a brief summary of discussions that took place during the meeting. These sections are not documented in strict chronological order, but rather they combine related discussions that took place at different times during the meeting.

**6. Q & A**

Q: At what point will the team start looking at detailed mitigation and impacts to individual properties?

A: We will be going into this level of detailed analysis once we are able to determine which concept(s) will be carried into the DEIS document. We anticipate this to begin sometime in late summer/early fall of 2009.

Q: Does the RTC have any concern that development within the corridor will outpace the project's development?

A: The City of Sparks and Washoe County are aware of the potential changes that will be occurring along the corridor and have also been given some idea of the types of facilities that may be needed and the potential changes to access and right-of-way requirements. These agencies understand that they will need to keep this in mind as they consider future development within the corridor.

Q: When is the anticipated start of design and construction?

A: There are several steps involved after the EIS is completed and Record of Decision has been issued, including preliminary and final design, identification of funding, determining project phasing, and right-of-way acquisition. At the earliest, construction would begin in late 2015.

Q: The Indian Colony is concerned with these extended time frames as we are beginning to plan development of some of our property within the corridor. How soon would we know what we should be planning for?

A: The team should have a good idea of what the project will look like when we complete our alternatives analysis and begin to draft the EIS and would be able to share this information with property owners so that they can plan their developments accordingly in anticipation of the future changes along the corridor.

Q: When you refer to the “Wedekind Alternative” are you referring to the Disc Drive area or actually converting Wedekind Road?

A: The Wedekind alternative as described within the Pyramid Corridor Plan would be a roadway coming off of Pyramid just south of Disc and connecting to the existing Wedekind Road. We are currently looking at variations of this alternative that would decrease the level of impact to the neighborhood as compared to connecting directly to Wedekind Road. However, there would likely still be substantial impacts that will need to be considered as we move forward with the screening process.

Q: Wasn't there a plan to extend Sun Valley Boulevard beyond the Highland Ranch development?

A: There is an extension of Sun Valley Boulevard contained within the RTC's 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

Q: Isn't there a connection planned from Eagle Canyon to Military Road?

A: There is a North Valley connector contained within the 2040 Plan which would work with the West Sun Valley connector.



Q: How does the Southeast Connector affect the traffic numbers?

A: The team did run models with improvements to Sparks Boulevard connecting to the Southeast Connector, but the resulting traffic numbers did not show the improvements drawing traffic in sufficient volumes to reduce the congestion on Pyramid to a degree that would justify the significant relocation impacts resulting from increasing the capacity on Sparks Boulevard.

Q: Will any of the adjacent streets be affected by the improvements along Pyramid?

A: In some locations the side streets will also need to have improvements. This will depend upon the alignment selected, facility type, interchange types, etc.

Q: Are you expecting any induced increased volume and growth along existing roads and adjacent properties?

A: We will not know this until we get into more detailed analysis which will include some study of potential induced growth. Potential induced growth within the area will also be dependent upon other transportation improvements included within the 2040 Plan and City/County land use planning.

## **7. Additional Comments**

- Concern was raised regarding the West Pyramid Plan (Section 33) which has been approved and could significantly change your numbers in the northern end of Pyramid and may provide justification for maintaining the West Sun Valley route. If this is developed it is anticipated that 20-30 thousand residences and a large-scale industrial park would be a part of the eventual build-out. It is believed that this project was not considered during the development of the 2040 Plan. – *The study team will be looking into this to make sure that the traffic impacts of this planned development were taken into consideration in the traffic modeling.*
- SWG members were reminded that the intersection improvements at Pyramid and McCarran are considered to be a short-term solution to ease congestion while longer term solutions (including the Pyramid/US 395 project) can be developed and implemented.
- It was noted by the project team that the West Sun Valley route is still a part of the 2040 Plan, but would be a separate project to address a separate set of needs that are not a part of the Pyramid/US 395 Connection project's scope.
- Traffic modeling shows significant increased movement from the North Valleys to the Spanish Springs area as the two areas continue to develop. This will be considered in the development alternative alignments.
- General consensus was in support of H17 with eventual additional implementation of the West Sun Valley route.
- The study team is currently looking at 3 different locations where the connector included as part of alternative H-17 could tie into US 395: south of TMCC; at Parr Avenue; north of Parr Avenue. Each of these potential connections has its own challenges and constraints due to surrounding development and current land uses.

**NOTE: The next meeting is currently anticipated for late August/September 2009, dependent on progress of the ongoing analysis.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

**Project:** Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study

**Purpose:** Stakeholder Working Group

**Date Held:** November 9, 2009

**Location:** Spanish Springs Library, Pauite Room  
7100A Pyramid Highway, Sparks, NV

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>RTC:</b>	Doug Maloy
	<b>Jacobs Engineering:</b>	Bryan Gant, Chris Martinovich
	<b>CH2M HILL:</b>	Leslie Regos, David Dodson
	<b>SWG Members:</b>	Dave Roberts, Steve Grosz, Katherine McGrath, Jennifer Budge, Loren Chilson, Greg Bortolin

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## Summary of Discussion:

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Leslie Regos welcomed attendees and provided a brief overview of the agenda and meeting objectives.
- Attendees introduced themselves.

### 2. 5 - Minute Opportunity

- Doug Maloy provided a brief history on the screening process to-date.
- No other items were brought up for discussion by SWG members.

### 3. Pyramid Highway Alternatives (Disc Drive to Golden View) – David Dodson

- Three alternatives being studied
  1. On Existing Pyramid Alignment with Frontage Roads – Overlaying a controlled access freeway on the existing Pyramid corridor. The challenge is perpetuating local access as currently exists, much of which would be addressed with the use of frontage roads. This would require a wider physical footprint within the corridor. Maintaining traffic operations during construction would be a challenge.
  2. On Existing Pyramid Alignment without Frontage Roads - Overlaying a controlled access freeway on the existing Pyramid corridor. Perpetuating local access would involve the rerouting of local roads within the developed areas to the east and west of Pyramid. This alternative is being strongly considered for elimination as the right-of-way impacts along Pyramid are similar to those with frontage roads, however, additional right-of-way impacts are

anticipated due to the need for rerouting the local roads to provide access to properties along Pyramid Highway. Maintaining traffic operations during construction would be a challenge.

3. Off Existing Pyramid Alignment – This concept avoids the challenges in perpetuating local access through this area as existing Pyramid would remain as it is today with an additional facility running parallel along the hills to the west (behind the WalMart) of the existing developments within the corridor. This concept would tie back into existing Pyramid just north of Golden View and south of Sparks Boulevard. This alternative would significantly reduce potential commercial and residential right-of-way impacts. There would be construction challenges building a roadway on the hillside as well as visual impacts.

#### **4. Pyramid Alternatives (North of Sparks Boulevard) – David Dodson**

- There are multiple interchange location/layout options and freeway termini being studied. More detailed traffic analysis will provide the information needed to further narrow these options.
- Some access points will be affected depending on the freeway terminus and interchange locations.
- The alternatives presented were primarily for determining the environmental footprint in this area so that environmental field studies could begin. All of the alternatives in this area will be highly dependent on further traffic analysis.

#### **5. Vista Connection – David Dodson**

- The primary focus for this segment has been to overlay an arterial over Disc Drive east to Vista. The concepts being developed for this segment are dependent on additional traffic analysis.
- There is some consideration being given to a new alignment south of Disc, however, due to federal land use constraints in the hills through this area, the design team is focusing more on the possibility of developing a viable Disc Drive facility alternative to avoid this area.

#### **6. Sun Valley Crossing – David Dodson**

- There are currently three options being considered for the freeway connection crossing through Sun Valley.
  1. The southern alignment alternative would cross Sun Valley just north of El Rancho. This alignment has some challenges with steep grades as well as proximity of the potential interchange location at Sun Valley Boulevard to the El Rancho/Dandini intersection. This alternative would have the least number of right-of-way impacts.
  2. The middle alignment alternative would cross Sun Valley in the area of Rampion Way. The freeway grades will be a challenge with this alternative. Intersection spacing with the other intersections along Sun Valley Boulevard would work better than with southern alignment. Right-of-way impacts are comparable to southern alignment.
  3. The northern alignment alternative would cross Sun Valley in the area of First Avenue. The northern alignment alternative provides some relief with respect to grades and terrain. This route would have greater right-of-way impacts as compared to the southern and middle alternatives (approximately double).
- A brief overview of interchange concepts on the Sun Valley alignments was provided.

#### **7. US 395 Connector – David Dodson**

- There are currently three interchange location options for the US 395 Connector.
  1. At-Parr Boulevard – This alternative would bring the freeway connection through the hills just north of Dandini Boulevard with an interchange in the area of the existing Parr Boulevard interchange. Currently, this concept does not include access to the connector via Parr/Dandini. The study team is looking at possible ways to integrate this access based on feedback from the Technical Advisory committee (TAC).
  2. North of Parr Boulevard – This alternative would bring the freeway connection north of Dandini Boulevard and an interchange just south of the Regional Emergency Response Training Center. It was the opinion of the TAC that this alternative be eliminated due to its complexity

and out-of-direction travel on the condition that the Parr access to the connector (which this alternative provides) could be integrated into the at-Parr alternative.

3. South of Parr Boulevard – This alternative would take the freeway connection south of TMCC/DRI through the current open space with an interchange just to the north of Clear Acre/McCarran. This alternative involves some residential impacts. The alternative would also involve some traffic operations challenges due to the proximity to Clear Acre/McCarran and the ramp braiding that would be needed to make the interchanges function together.

#### **8. Next Steps – Leslie Regos**

- The study team will be making presentations to citizen and neighborhood advisory boards, developers and key stakeholder groups within the corridor throughout November 2009 and into early 2010 to review concepts and provide an opportunity for input.
- The team is in the process of organizing a “design workshop” for the community of Sun Valley to encourage additional participation from residents in the area and provide the opportunity for review of the concepts and obtain feedback.
- The team will begin more detailed traffic modeling through the remainder of 2009 and into early 2010.
- Field studies will be performed through the end of 2009 and into early 2010.
- The team will be organizing an Executive Advisory Committee consisting of policy level decision makers from City of Reno, Washoe County, City of Sparks, NDOT, FHWA, and RTC. This will provide the directors from these agencies an opportunity to review the concepts and provide comment/direction before moving into more detailed engineering.
- The team anticipates having a Draft EIS by Spring/Summer 2010.

**NOTE:** The following “Q&A” and “Additional Comments” sections provide a brief summary of discussions that took place during the meeting. These sections are not documented in strict chronological order, but rather they combine related discussions that took place at different times during the meeting.

#### **Q & A**

Q: Have you looked at comparisons between construction costs versus relocations and property acquisition costs for the on- and off-alignment concepts?

A: In general, cost analysis has been considered to some degree, however, more detailed cost analysis will need to be performed as alternatives are further narrowed and more detailed engineering can be performed.

Q: Do you have a working group that involves the commercial developers in the area to get their feedback?

A: We are meeting individually with the developers and major property owners to obtain their input on the conceptual alternatives and any concerns they might have.

Q: Is there a Sun Valley option that is preferred by the study team?

A: What the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended is that the northern alignment through Sun Valley be dropped due to the number of residential impacts with the middle and southern alignments being carried forward for further study.

Q: What about noise impacts to TMCC and DRI with the new connector running past them?

A: Noise will be one of the impacts studied as we move forward. Baseline noise levels would be determined during the environmental field investigations and potential impacts and possible mitigation

measures for each of the alternatives would be determined once the team begins more detailed engineering on the preferred alternative(s) being carried into the EIS.

Q: Would the north-of-Parr interchange alternative interfere with the shooting range?

A: No. The shooting range is northeast of where the mainline and interchange would be located. The shooting range is in the Red Hill area, which is an area that we would not be able to build on due to species habitat.

## **9. Additional Comments**

- TMCC and DRI would like to see access improvements to their facilities as part of the project to service the projected growth in TMCC enrollment as well as the expansion of DRI's research park facilities. It is felt that the current alternatives being studied do not provide any benefit to these facilities.
- There is some concern with adding more ramp movements in the area of the Clear Acre/McCarran/US 395 interchange with the southern connector option. It was noted that traffic is already an issue in this area and adding more ramps to the area could make things worse.
- It was noted that the large footprint and extensive ramps on the north-of-Parr concept is a concern from both a cost standpoint and the amount of land that would be left undevelopable in the vicinity of the new freeway/ramp facility.
- SWG membership has requested copies of the conceptual layouts. The project team will determine the most effective method of getting this information to the group.
- Suggestion was made of possibly moving the meeting to an earlier time and/or changing location.
- It was noted that the south-of-Parr connector alternative would potentially interfere with DRI's expansion master plan.

**NOTE: The next meeting is currently anticipated for Spring 2010, dependent on progress of the ongoing analysis and decision making process.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



## Meeting Minutes

**Project:** Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study

**Purpose:** Stakeholder Working Group

**Date Held:** March 28, 2011

**Location:** Spanish Springs Library, Pauite Room  
7100A Pyramid Highway, Sparks, NV

**Attendees:**

<b>SWG Members:</b>	Peter Ross, Steve Grosz, Vaughn Hartung
<b>RTC:</b>	Doug Maloy
<b>Jacobs Engineering:</b>	Bryan Gant
<b>CH2M HILL:</b>	Cindy Potter, Mark Gallegos

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## Summary of Discussion:

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Doug Maloy welcomed attendees and provided a brief overview of the agenda and meeting objectives.

### 2. 5 - Minute Opportunity

- Doug Maloy provided a brief overview of activity since the last SWG meeting.
- No other items were brought up for discussion by SWG members.

### 3. Study Review and Status Update – Cindy Potter

- Cindy provided a brief recap of previous SWG meetings; alternatives analysis/screening process used; and the remaining alternatives following the Level 2B screening and last SWG meeting held in November 2009.
- Travel demand model has been recalibrated based on “Consensus Forecast” providing updated employment and population projections. The Consensus Forecast was developed through collaborative efforts of Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, and Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency.
- Traffic modeling has been performed using the new Consensus Forecast data. This analysis continues to support the need for the transportation improvements being studied by the team.
- Since the last SWG meeting, the team has performed progressively more detailed analysis of the remaining alternative (H17 – Pyramid Freeway with US 395 Connector freeway). Alignment and interchange alternatives based on the H17 concept were further developed and screened during the Level 3 screening.
- Alternatives remaining for further evaluation within the environmental document include:
  - At-Parr system interchange
  - Two alternative Sun Valley crossing locations for the connector
  - Two interchange location alternatives within Sun Valley
  - Three Pyramid alignment alternatives

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- Various supplemental alternatives (transit, TDM/TSM, bike/pedestrian facilities)

### **4. At-Parr US 395 Connector System Interchange – Cindy Potter**

- Cindy provided an overview of the remaining At-Parr US 395 Connector system interchange alternative. A conceptual plan view was provided for review and comment.
- Surface street reconstruction/realignments that would be needed to accommodate the interchange were discussed.
- Note was made that during traffic demand modeling and analysis, this facility will serve both existing/future southbound US 395 movements and the projected increase in northbound movements with the commercial/industrial growth projected within the northern valleys.

### **5. Sun Valley Crossing Alternatives – Cindy Potter**

- Cindy provided an overview of the remaining alignment and interchange locations for the proposed connector through Sun Valley. These included a northerly crossing in the area of Rampion Way and a southerly crossing in the area just north of El Rancho and Dandini Boulevards.
- The relative benefits/impacts of potential interchanges at Sun Valley Boulevard and the future West Sun Valley Arterial were discussed. Conceptual plan views for each crossing/interchange combination were provided for review and comment.

### **6. Sun Valley Workshop – Cindy Potter**

- Cindy provided a recap of the Sun Valley Workshop held on 1/19/2011, including the outreach efforts leading up to the workshop and a summary of feedback received.

### **7. Pyramid Alignment Alternatives (South of Sparks Boulevard) – Cindy Potter**

- Cindy provided an overview of the three remaining alternative alignments south of Sparks Boulevard (Off-alignment, On-alignment w/frontage roads, and Ridge alignment). Conceptual plan views of each alternative were provided for review and comment.

### **8. Pyramid Alignment Alternatives (North of Sparks Boulevard) – Cindy Potter**

- Cindy provided an overview of the alignment and interchange alternatives for Pyramid Highway north of Sparks Boulevard to be carried forward into the DEIS. A conceptual plan view was provided for review and comment.
- Note was made that the team is still looking at various frontage road and interchange configurations. The updated traffic model will help in determining which configurations would provide optimal traffic operations within the area.
- Note was made that the team has been working with various developers in the area to coordinate their future development plans and the proposed improvements.

### **9. Supplemental Alternatives – Bryan Gant**

- Bryan reviewed the various supplemental alternatives studied including transit options, lane types, Traffic Demand Management (TDM)/Transportation System Management (TSM) strategies, and bike/pedestrian facilities. The team's findings and recommendations were discussed.

### **10. Next Steps –**

- The team will be presenting its findings and recommendations to the Reno and Sparks Councils and the Washoe County Commissioners.
- The team will continue refinement and more detailed analysis of the remaining alternatives and begin preparing the DEIS.

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- It is anticipated that the SWG will reconvene after the DEIS is ready for publication and public review. Currently this is anticipated in mid-2012.

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### 11. Q & A

**Q:** *Would this project be a balanced earthwork project?*

**A:** *There is still quite a bit of engineering to do. At this point we are looking at about 1 million cubic yards of surplus material due to the anticipated cuts needed and the poor quality soils in the area. This figure is only a preliminary estimate and is likely to change when the project progresses into preliminary and final design.*

**Q:** *What is the design speed for the loop ramps for the interchange configuration at the future West Sun Valley Arterial?*

**A:** [????]

Comment [cmp1]: Bryan?

**Q:** *How would the proposed improvements in the area of Disc Drive impact the planned courthouse facility in the area of the Pyramid/Disc intersection?*

**A:** *There are representatives from the City of Sparks that have been working with us on this study as part of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and there have been no concerns regarding possible impacts to the planned court facility. It is our understanding that this is being planned for the area within the southeast corner of Pyramid Highway and Disc Drive. However, since it has been a while since this planned development has been discussed, the team will check-in with the City regarding the footprint of the planned facility.*

**Q:** *How many right of way impacts are we estimating at this time?*

**A:** *Depending on the combination of alternatives selected, project-wide impacts range from approximately 70 to 180 (parcels impacted).*

**Q:** *Would an at-Parr interchange add a significant amount of traffic to Parr Boulevard?*

**A:** *With the interchange concept under consideration, there would be both service ramps serving traffic traveling to and from Parr Boulevard as well as high-speed system to system ramps to serve traffic accessing US 395. Traffic to and from US 395 would not have to get off at Parr to access the connector.*

**Q:** *What is the build-out timeframe?*

**A:** *The study horizon is 2035. Construction would likely happen in phases and the scheduling of these phases would be dependent on available funding. Best case scenario would be beginning the first phase of construction in 2018.*

**Q:** *How is the project being funded?*

**A:** *It is anticipated that funding would be a combination of federal, state, and local funding.*



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**Q:** *How will the decision be made regarding the preferred alternative alignment through Sun Valley and along Pyramid since there are still multiple options at this point?*

**A:** *Each of the alternatives presented will be carried into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for more in-depth analysis. The DEIS will include all of the data collected on impacts, cost, traffic modeling, etc., and will in turn be submitted for agency and public review/comment. As we begin to receive comments on the DEIS, it is anticipated that a preferred alternative will begin to become apparent. This preferred alternative will then become the focus of the Final EIS.*

**Q:** *Have you been coordinating with Parks and Recreation?*

**A:** *Yes. They have representation on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and we have also been working closely with them on one particular parcel, so they are well aware of the project.*

**Q:** *Have you discussed the project with the BLM?*

**A:** *Yes. They are also represented on the TAC and are a Cooperating Agency under the NEPA process, which means that they are recognizing the environmental document and it will satisfy their environmental purposes as well.*

**Q:** *How will the traffic from the connector impact operations on US 395?*

**A:** *There are other projects in the Regional Transportation Plan to address needed improvements to US 395 including widening US 395 to ten lanes from the Spaghetti Bowl to McCarran Boulevard and to eight lanes from McCarran Boulevard to Parr Boulevard. The RTC and NDOT are working closely to make sure that improvements are coordinated appropriately.*

**Q:** *Wouldn't this project eliminate the need for the proposed Pyramid/McCarran intersection improvements?*

**A:** *No. Traffic analysis performed indicates that both projects will be needed to effectively address future traffic demand on Pyramid. The model shows that there is still a significant amount of traffic at the Pyramid/McCarran intersection after implementation of the Pyramid/US 395 connector improvements.*

**Q:** *Why not create a connection going through Sparks and feeding into the Southeast Connector instead of the proposed US 395 connector?*

**A:** *The footprint of this type of facility and the associated impacts would be exponentially larger. Improvements of Pyramid Way south to I-80 have also been looked at which again would have tremendous impacts to neighborhoods and businesses. I-80 is also constrained in this area and would have a difficult time handling the additional traffic.*

**Q:** *Is there a way to accelerate the project schedule should growth within the region rebound back to prerecession levels?*

**A:** *The federal approval process is beyond the control of the study team. However, once the Record of Decision has been received, there are options that can be considered for the acceleration of design and construction if needed and if funding is available.*

## 12. Comments

*Request was made to provide either electronic or hard copies of the exhibits used during the meeting.*

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*DRI has applied for grant funding from the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to rebuild Raggio Drive and rebuild the Raggio/Dandini intersection. This intersection currently functions at LOS F. Future development of the DRI parcels in this area will be limited until the traffic problems at this intersection are addressed. If grant funding is obtained, DRI would like to coordinate their improvements to try and minimize conflicts with any future US 395 Connector interchange and associated surface street improvements.*

*Raggio Drive is currently owned by the Board of Regents but will eventually be dedicated to the City of Reno.*

*An interchange at the future West Sun Valley Arterial would potentially create opportunities for the DRI's expansion plans for their property north of Dandini Boulevard.*

*TMCC is concerned about traffic on Raggio Boulevard as three of their driveways empty onto this road and there is parking on both sides with pedestrian traffic crossing Raggio to access the campus. There is concern that Raggio could become more of an arterial.*

*The access provided to the TMCC campus from the connector system interchange will be beneficial.*

*Although the interchange location at the future West Sun Valley Arterial would reduce some of the right of way impact, it seems that having the interchange at Sun Valley Boulevard would provide easier access for residents that wish to use the connector.*

*The footprint and complexity of an interchange at the future West Sun Valley Arterial is of concern.*

*There was concern regarding the number of right of way impacts with the on-alignment w/frontage roads alternative in the area of Los Altos north to the Golden View area.*

*The off- and ridge alignments would better provide for an alternate route in the event of traffic incidents or other problems that might require traffic diversions.*

*The on-alignment alternative would cause major traffic problems during construction that would need to be somehow mitigated.*

*The ridge alignment appears to be the best option from the point of view of constructability, right of way, and visual and noise impacts.*

*Note was made that city and county Parks and Recreation staff did not see any significant issues with the ridge alignment so long as accommodation was provided for wildlife crossings and trailheads.*

*It looks as though intermediate phasing could potentially increase the current problems at the Parr/Dandini/US 395 interchange and TMCC/DRI traffic. [Note was made that detailed phasing analysis has not been performed. These types of concerns would be analyzed and addressed within this analysis.]*

*Any right of way acquisition that might be needed in the area of DRI/TMCC will need to be approved by the Board of Regents. This is something that will need to be considered so that the process is managed appropriately as the project moves forward.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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## **Appendix B: Public Involvement**

### **Public Meetings, Open Houses, and Workshops**

## Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Public Meeting Summary

ATTENDEES:      Members of the Public  
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Leslie Regos/Pyramid Partnership  
Michelle Searle/Pyramid Partnership  
Cindy Potter/Pyramid Partnership  
John Narigon/Pyramid Partnership  
Gina McAfee/Pyramid Partnership  
Steve Oxoby/Pyramid Partnership  
David Dodson/Pyramid Partnership  
Jim Clarke/Pyramid Partnership  
Julie Maxey/NDOT  
Todd Montgomery/NDOT  
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Patty Brisbin/NDOT  
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Michael Moreno/RTC  
Hannah Visser/FHWA

FROM:            Leslie Regos/CH2M HILL  
Michelle Searle/CH2M HILL

MEETING DATE:      April 15, 2008

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, the first Public Scoping Meeting for the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study was held at the Lazy 5 Community Center, 7100 Pyramid Highway, Sparks, Nevada. Following is a summary of the meeting, including its format, a description of the informational materials provided, a summary of the questions and comments collected at the meeting, attendee rosters, presentation slides and meeting notification methods used.

### 1. General Meeting Summary

The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's first public information meeting was held in an "open house" format with informational display boards and Study representatives available to discuss the Study and answer questions between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Approximately 100 members of the public were in attendance. A formal presentation was given at 5:30 p.m. followed by an open comment period that was recorded. A Study Fact Sheet, public comment form, study website information flier, and a study boundary map were provided to attendees as they entered the meeting room. The options to submit written comments on a comment sheet and to give verbal comment to a court reporter were made available throughout the meeting.

## 2. Presentation Content

### Display Board Summary

The following is a list of the display boards presented during the meeting and a brief synopsis of the content for each board. Study representatives from various engineering disciplines were also on-hand to explain the various displays and answer questions.

- **History of the Pyramid Highway Corridor:** A brief historical timeline illustrating the Pyramid Highway Corridor Management Plan study highlights.
- **Draft Purpose and Need Elements:** A list of proposed transportation needs that the current study will address.
- **Alternatives Screening Process:** Graphical illustration of the alternatives screening process that will take place as the study progresses, and how the process results in a few alternatives to be studied in detail in the NEPA document.
- **NEPA Planning Process:** Outline of the steps required during the NEPA process, and where the project is currently in relation to these steps.
- **Range of Possible Alternatives:** List of possible alternatives that may be considered during the study process.
- **Pyramid Management Plan Recommendations:** Description of the preferred alternative from the Pyramid Management Plan ("Package C"), and some of the benefits of this alternative.
- **Next Steps in the Study Process:** An overview of the steps to be taken next in the NEPA process.
- **Study Team Organization:** Organizational chart showing the various groups that compose the study team, their membership make-up, and how they relate to one another.
- **Traffic Volumes:** Map portraying graphical comparisons of current and projected traffic volumes within various sections of the study corridor.
- **Environmental Resources:** Map illustrating various natural and man-made environmental resources located within the study area.
- **Project Study Boundary:** Map illustrating the study boundaries for the project.

### Formal Presentation Summary

During the formal presentation, a PowerPoint slideshow was given by Doug Maloy/RTC and Leslie Regos of the Pyramid Partnership.

Doug began the presentation with a project background overview that reviewed RTC's 2001 Pyramid Highway Corridor Management Plan that determined the need to increase capacity to serve anticipated population growth, improve safety, and to provide an alternate access to existing freeway systems from the Spanish Springs area. He explained that "Package C" was determined to be the preferred alternative at the time of this study. "Package C" alternative included upgrading Pyramid Highway to a restricted access freeway, providing an outer ring freeway connecting US 395 to Vista Boulevard, and providing a possible west Sun Valley north/south route connecting to US 395 at Parr/Dandini Boulevards. He stated that the benefits of this package would include the

connecting of arterials, improvements in vehicular safety, and improvements in daily travel time for those traveling in the area.

Doug advised attendees that although “Package C” was found to be the preferred alternative during the Pyramid Highway Corridor Management Plan Study, it is the intent of the current Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study to further study possible improvements along the corridor, and how these improvements would impact the surrounding communities and the natural environment. He stressed to those present that no decision has been made regarding alignments or specific improvements to be implemented. Input from the public and regulatory agencies during this process will play a large part in making these determinations and in the development and selection of alternatives.

To move this study forward, he reviewed a preliminary study development timeline as follows:

- 2007-2011 – NEPA/Preliminary Engineering
- 2011-~2015 – Final Design/Right-of-Way (depending on available funding)
- ~2015-Construction could begin (depending on available funding)

Leslie Regos of the Pyramid Partnership then provided an overview of the NEPA process, during which she stressed the importance of a clearly defined *Purpose and Need*, and how that defined *Purpose and Need* is developed. She presented a study team organizational chart, a list of coordinating agencies that will be a part of the process, and explained how the teams will work together during the process, and provide input to be incorporated within the EIS document. A preliminary *Draft Purpose and Need* elements list was presented to help facilitate discussion.

- Address existing congestion problems on Pyramid Highway
- Address existing and forecasted population growth
- Address existing safety problems on Pyramid Highway
- Address existing and future access needs
- Address existing travel inefficiencies.

The Purpose and Need will also need to be responsive to the local and regional plans for the area.

Leslie explained that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) document will address potential environmental consequences including relocation, noise, air, water, land use, wildlife, economic, social, Section 4(f), environmental justice, hazardous materials, historic properties, construction, wetlands, floodplains, farmlands, transportation and traffic.

In closing, Leslie stressed that public input is a vital component of the NEPA process, and encouraged attendees to provide verbal comments to the court reporter present at the meeting, or in writing on the comment forms available that evening. She also explained that development of solutions through this study will be managed by the RTC of Washoe County and the Nevada Department of Transportation. These agencies would be ensuring

conformance to the NEPA requirements throughout the process of developing alternatives, evaluating the associated environmental impacts, and preferred alternative selection.

### 3. General Public Comment Summary

The bullet points below are a general summary of the questions and comments provided at the meeting.

- Recommendation for consideration of alternative modes - transit, specifically bus service was a common interest. Rail transit was also mentioned
- Consider expanding study boundaries to consider alternatives northwest of the valley
- Safety, specifically getting on and off highway is a major concern
- Concern about rapid development and the ability to plan ahead - control the growth
- Congestion in general during the peak periods is a key concern
- Signal timing along highway is frustrating
- Location of the connection route - should it be further north?
- Timing of project - need something done now

### 4. Meeting Notification

Public notifications for this information meeting were distributed as follows:

- 3/11/2008 - Invitation sent to Technical Advisory Committee
- 3/19/2008 - Invitation sent to Stakeholder Working Group
- 4/1/2008 - Email reminder sent to Technical Advisory Committee
- 4/3/2008 - Email reminder sent to Stakeholder Working Group
- 4/2/2008 & 4/9/2008 - AHORA ad (Local Spanish Language Periodical)
- 3/31/2008, 4/14/2008, & 4/15/2008 - Reno Gazette Journal ad
- 4/1/2008 - Postcard mailer sent to property owners within and adjacent to study area

Please see attached attendee rosters, comment sheets and presentation slides.



## Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Public Meeting Summary

ATTENDEES:      Members of the Public  
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                     Tom Greco/RTC  
                     Howard Riedl/RTC  
                     Michael Moreno/RTC  
                     Jack Lorbeer/RTC  
                     Bryan Gant/Jacobs  
                     Gina McAfee/Jacobs  
                     Steve Oxoby/Jacobs  
                     Jim Clarke/Jacobs  
                     Chris Primus/Jacobs  
                     Mark Gallegos/CH2M HILL  
                     Leslie Regos/CH2M HILL  
                     Cindy Potter/CH2M HILL

                     David Dodson/CH2M HILL  
                     Todd Montgomery/NDOT  
                     Patty Brisbin/NDOT  
                     Sharon Jones/NDOT  
                     Mike Fuess/NDOT  
                     Thor Dyson/NDOT  
                     Kent Cooper/NDOT  
                     Adam Mayberry/City of Sparks  
                     Holly Flores/TMWA

FROM:             Mark Gallegos/CH2M HILL  
                     Leslie Regos/CH2M HILL

MEETING DATE:      March 4, 2009

On Wednesday, March 4, 2009, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) hosted a Public Information Open House for the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study held at the Lazy 5 Community Center, 7100 Pyramid Highway, Sparks, Nevada. Following is a summary of the meeting, including its format, a description of the informational materials provided, a summary of the questions and comments collected at the meeting, attendee rosters, presentation slides and meeting notification methods used.

### 1. General Meeting Summary

The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's second public information meeting was held in an "open house" format with informational display boards and Study representatives available to discuss the study and answer questions between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the open house was to provide information on the Study's progress, potential alternatives being considered, and the Study Team's initial findings and recommendations. The open house also provided an opportunity for the Study Team to obtain public feedback prior to finalizing their recommendations and moving forward into the next phase of analysis.



A Level 2A Screening Summary, public comment form, study website information flier, and Level 2A Alignment Alternatives handout were provided to attendees as they entered the meeting room. Attendees were provided the opportunity to submit written comments during the meeting and were also given contact information for submitting written comment via U.S. mail, e-mail, and through the study website.

*Approximate public attendance – 75.*

*Elected officials in attendance:*

*(1) Assemblymen Don Gustavson*

## 2. Presentation Content

### Display Board Summary

The following is a list of the display boards presented during the meeting and a brief synopsis of the content for each board. Study representatives from various engineering disciplines and public agencies were also on-hand to explain the various displays and answer questions.

- **Level 2A Study Area:** Map illustrating the study boundaries.
- **Purpose and Need Elements:** A list of transportation needs that the current study is using as a basis for the development of evaluation criteria.
- **Screening Process Workflow:** Graphical illustration of the alternatives screening process that will take place as the study progresses, and depicting those elements that have been completed to-date.
- **NEPA Planning Process:** Outline of the steps required during the NEPA process, and where the study is currently in relation to these steps.
- **Project Schedule:** Graphical overview of the study schedule illustrating process timeframes and major milestones.
- **Level 1 Alignment Alternatives:** Display depicting the alternatives evaluated during the Level 1 Screening and identifying those that were carried forward for additional evaluation.
- **Level 1 Screening Results:** Large format display depicting the alternatives studied and evaluation criteria used during the Level 1 Screening as well as findings and recommendations.
- **Level 2A Alignment Alternatives:** Display depicting the alternatives evaluated during the Level 2A screening and the Study Team's recommendations for those alternatives to be carried forward for additional evaluation.
- **Level 2A Screening Results:** Large format display depicting the alternatives studied and evaluation criteria used during the Level 2A Screening as well as findings and recommendations.
- **Environmental Resources Being Studied:** A list of various natural and man-made resources being studied.
- **Level 2A Constraints-Potential Relocations and Environmental Justice Areas:** Map depicting the alternatives being studied and the estimated potential relocation and environmental justice impacts along various segments.

- **Level 2A Constraints-Recreation Areas:** Map depicting the alternatives being studied and the potential impacts to parks, recreation areas, and public lands along various segments.
- **Level 2A Constraints-Floodplains and Streams:** Map depicting alternatives being studied and potential stream and floodplain impacts along various segments.
- **Level 2A Screening-2040 Traffic Demand:** Map depicting alternatives being considered and bar graphs illustrating 2040 model travel demands at key locations.
- **Next Steps in the Study Process:** Overview of the remaining steps to be completed within the EIS process.

### 3. General Public Comment Summary

The bullet points below are a general summary of the questions and comments received.

- Comments were generally opposed to alternatives H-6 and H-7 due to potential impacts to golf course and residences, safety and noise impacts, and impact to the overall character of the Wedekind and Village Greene areas.
- H-17 was generally considered a viable option and felt to provide the most traffic relief with the least negative impacts.
- Numerous concerns regarding access to Lazy 5 Park and the raised median along Pyramid Highway.
- Improved/increased transit options are desired within the corridor.
- There was expressed concern regarding horse trails along the north end of Pyramid Highway which are not fenced, creating potential safety issues for trail users and highway users.
- Some attendees disliked the “open house” style and would have preferred a more structured/formal presentation with Q&A period.

### 4. Meeting Notification

Public notifications for the open house were distributed as follows:

#### **Media Outlets, Direct Mail, and E-mail**

- 2/4/2009 – Email blast (see attached e-mail lists)
- 2/9/2009 – Notices sent via USPS (see attached mailing list)
- 2/18 & 3/2/2009 – RGJ advertisement
- 2/25 & 3/4/2009 – Ahora! Spanish Newspaper advertisement
- 3/2/2009 – RTC issued press release
- 3/3/2009 – “The Road Ahead with RTC,” KOLO Channel 8

- 3/3/2009 – Sparks Tribune advertisement
- 3/4/2009 – RGJ Article, “Planners weigh fate of Pyramid Highway”

**Web Site Postings**

- [www.pyramidus395connection.com](http://www.pyramidus395connection.com)
- [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com)
- [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com)

**Public Posting Locations**

- Immaculate Conception Church, 2900 N. McCarran Blvd., Sparks, NV 89431
- Sparks Library, 1125 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Sparks, NV 89431
- Larry D. Johnson Community Center, 1200 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Sparks, NV 89431
- Scolari’s Food & Drug, 5430 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Scolari’s Food & Drug, 950 Holman Way, Sparks, NV 89431
- Bi-Rite Market, 5690 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Spanish Springs Library, 7100A Pyramid Hwy., Sparks, NV 89436
- Boys & Girls Club, 2680 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, NV 89512

Please see attached attendee rosters, comment sheets and contact lists.

## Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Public Meeting Summary

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MEETING DATE:      April 29, 2009

On Wednesday, April 29, 2009, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) hosted a Public Information Open House for the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study held at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada. Following is a summary of the meeting, including its format, a description of the informational materials provided, a summary of the questions and comments collected at the meeting, attendee rosters, and meeting notification methods used.

### 1. General Meeting Summary

The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's public information meeting was held in an "open house" format with informational display boards and Study representatives available to discuss the study and answer questions between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the open house was to provide information on the Study's progress, potential alternatives being considered, and the Study Team's initial findings and recommendations. The open house also provided an opportunity for the Study Team to obtain additional public feedback prior to finalizing their recommendations and moving forward into the next phase of analysis.

Level 2A Screening Summary, public comment form, study website information flier, and Level 2A Alignment Alternatives handouts were made available to attendees as they entered the meeting room. Attendees were provided the opportunity to submit written comments during the meeting and were also given contact information for submitting written comment via U.S. mail, e-mail, and through the study website.

*Approximate public attendance – 23.*

## 2. Presentation Content

### Display Board Summary

The following is a list of the display boards presented during the meeting and a brief synopsis of the content for each board. Study representatives from the consultant team and the RTC were also on-hand to explain the various displays and answer questions.

- **Level 2A Study Area:** Map illustrating the study boundaries for the project.
- **Purpose and Need Elements:** A list of transportation needs that the current study is using as a basis for the development of evaluation criteria.
- **What We've Heard and How We've Responded...**
- **Screening Process Workflow:** Graphical illustration of the alternatives screening process that will take place as the study progresses, and depicting those elements that have been completed to-date.
- **NEPA Planning Process:** Outline of the steps required during the NEPA process, and where the study is currently in relation to these steps.
- **Project Schedule:** Graphical overview of the study schedule illustrating process timeframes and major milestones.
- **Level 1 Alignment Alternatives:** Display depicting the alternatives evaluated during the Level 1 Screening and identifying those that were carried forward for additional evaluation.
- **Level 1 Screening Results:** Large format display depicting the alternatives studied and evaluation criteria used during the Level 1 Screening as well as findings and recommendations.
- **Level 2A Alignment Alternatives:** Display depicting the alternatives evaluated during the Level 2A screening and the Project Team's recommendations for those alternatives to be carried forward for additional evaluation.
- **Level 2A Screening Results:** Large format display depicting the alternatives studied and evaluation criteria used during the Level 2A Screening as well as findings and recommendations.
- **Environmental Resources Being Studied:** A list of various natural and man-made resources being studied.
- **Level 2A Constraints-Potential Relocations and Environmental Justice Areas:** Map depicting the alternatives being studied and the estimated potential relocation and environmental justice impacts along various segments.
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- **Level 2A Screening-2040 Traffic Demand:** Map depicting alternatives being considered and bar graphs illustrating 2040 model travel demands at key locations.
- **Next Steps in the Study Process:** Overview of the remaining steps to be completed within the EIS process.

### 3. General Public Comment Summary

The bullet points below are a general summary of the questions and comments received. Comment sheets submitted during the open house are attached.

- Comments were generally opposed to alternatives H-6 and H-7 due to potential impacts to golf course and residences, safety and noise impacts, and impact to the overall character of the Wedekind area.
- H-17 was generally considered a viable option and felt to provide the most traffic relief with the least negative impacts.
- There was concern raised regarding H-17 and this alternative's potential relocations and neighborhood impacts to the Sun Valley area.

### 4. Meeting Notification

Public notifications for the open house were distributed as follows:

#### **Direct Mail and E-mail**

- 4/21/09 – Notification via USPS to Sun Valley area churches (see attached mail list)
- 4/22/09 – Email blast to County and State representatives (see attached email list)

#### **Web Site Postings**

- [www.pyramidus395connection.com](http://www.pyramidus395connection.com)
- [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com)
- [hrhanv.com](http://hrhanv.com) (Highland Ranch Homeowner's Association)

#### **Public Posting Locations**

- Scolari's Food & Drug, 5430 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Bi-Rite Market, 5690 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Super Buy Market, 5200 Second Avenue, Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Highland Ranch Homeowner's Association, 5860 Lightening Drive, Sun Valley, NV 89433

Please see attached attendee rosters, comment sheets and contact lists.

## Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Sun Valley Community Workshop Summary

ATTENDEES: **Members of the Public**  
(See attached Roster)

**RTC and Consultant Staff:**

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Amy Cummings/RTC  
Tom Greco/RTC  
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MEETING DATE: January 19, 2011

On Wednesday, January 19, 2011, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) hosted a Community Workshop for the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study held at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada. Following is a summary of the meeting, including its format, a description of the informational materials provided, a summary of the questions and comments collected at the meeting, attendance rosters, and meeting notification methods used.

### 1. General Meeting Summary

The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's Sun Valley Community Workshop was held in an "open house" format with informational display boards and Study Team representatives available to discuss the study and answer questions between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the workshop was to provide information on the Study's progress and potential connector alignment and interchange alternatives currently being considered within the Sun Valley area. The workshop also provided an opportunity for the Study Team to obtain vital public feedback prior to moving forward into the next phase of analysis.

An updated fact sheet handout, including an alternative alignments overview map, was made available to all attendees as they entered the meeting room. Attendees were provided the opportunity to submit written comments during the meeting and were also given

contact information for submitting written comment via U.S. mail, e-mail, and fax and through the study website.

Spanish language interpreters were on-hand to assist Spanish speaking attendees and Spanish language meeting agendas and fact sheet handouts were also made available.

A light meal and refreshments were provided.

*Approximate public attendance – 118.*

## 2. Presentation Content

### Display Board Summary

Displays and maps were divided between six (6) stations providing information on various study elements. Each station was manned by RTC and Study Team representatives with expertise and in-depth knowledge of the information provided at the various stations. Flip charts were utilized at each station to document questions, comments, concerns, and ideas provided by workshop attendees during discussions.

The following is a list of the display boards presented, by station, during the meeting and a brief synopsis of the content for each board.

#### STATION 1: STUDY INTRODUCTION

- **Purpose and Need Elements:** A list of transportation needs that were used as a basis for the development of evaluation criteria.
- **Public Outreach Activity:** Overview of public meetings and additional outreach and community involvement activities to-date.
- **NEPA Planning Process:** Outline of the steps required during the NEPA process, and where the study is currently in relation to these steps.
- **Screening Process Workflow:** Graphical illustration of the alternatives screening process that will take place as the study progresses, and depicting those elements that have been completed to-date.
- **Future Travel Time from Sun Valley to Representative Destinations:** Map showing anticipated travel times in the year 2030 from Sun Valley to various locations within the region with and without the proposed east/west connector. The map also provided information on various planned street and intersection improvements included in the traffic model.
- **Users of the East-West Connector:** Map with graphic overlay showing projected number of trips per day at various locations along the proposed connector and the origins/destinations of these trips.
- **Population/Employment Growth Traffic Demand 2008-2030:** Graphic showing historical and projected population growth and employment growth within the region with comparative travel demand at various segments along the proposed improvements.



## STATION 2: ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES

- **South Crossing Conceptual Alternative:** Map showing the conceptual alternative alignment crossing just north of the Dandini/El Rancho/Sun Valley Boulevard intersection.
- **Southern Crossing Conceptual Mainline Profile:** Graphical display of proposed mainline profile and various cross section locations for the alternative alignment crossing just north of Dandini/El Rancho/Sun Valley Boulevard intersection.
- **North Crossing Conceptual Alternative:** Map showing the conceptual alternative alignment crossing in the area of Rampion Way.
- **Northern Crossing Conceptual Mainline Profile:** Graphical display of proposed mainline profile and various cross section locations for the alternative alignment crossing in the area of Rampion Way.
- **Study Alternatives January 2011:** Map showing overview of the study area and alternatives currently being studied.

## STATION 3: INTERCHANGE ALTERNATIVES

- **North Crossing Conceptual Alternative Interchange – Sun Valley Boulevard:** Map showing the northern crossing with a conceptual interchange layout at Sun Valley Boulevard including potential changes to local access.
- **South Crossing Conceptual Alternative Interchange – Sun Valley Boulevard:** Map showing the southern crossing with a conceptual interchange layout at Sun Valley Boulevard including potential changes to local access.
- **North Crossing Conceptual Alternative Interchange – West Sun Valley:** Map showing the northern crossing with a conceptual interchange layout west of Sun Valley in the area of the future West Sun Valley Arterial including potential changes to local access.
- **South Crossing Conceptual Alternative Interchange – West Sun Valley:** Map showing the southern crossing with a conceptual interchange layout west of Sun Valley in the area of the future West Sun Valley Arterial including potential changes to local access.
- **Aerial Overview of Sun Valley:** Aerial photo of Sun Valley with major landmarks and streets labeled for reference.

## STATION 4: COMMUNITY EFFECTS & CHANGES

- **Potential Economic Effects and Changes:** Graphic showing the potential temporary and long-term economic effects and changes within the proposed project corridor.
- **Sun Valley Area Future Land Use:** Map displaying the future land use/zoning within Sun Valley as shown in Washoe County Planning documents.
- **Sun Valley Area Environmental Resources:** Map identifying environmental resources within the Sun Valley area and potential environmental impacts from the project.
- **Gateway Rendering:** Artistic rendering showing the proposed connector freeway as it crosses Sun Valley Boulevard with conceptual bridge and landscape elements. Rendering perspective is heading northbound from Clear Acre to Sun Valley Boulevard.

## STATION 5: TRANSIT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- **Existing Transit Services:** Map showing existing transit service routes within the study area.
- **Supplemental Transit Alternatives:** Map showing potential new transit routes being studied as part of the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study.
- **Transit Funding Challenges:** Board providing information on transit funding sources and the impacts of the economic downturn on funding and transit services levels.

## STATION 6: NEXT STEPS

- **Upcoming Involvement Opportunities:** Schedule graphic providing approximate timeframes for major milestones, future public meetings, and other opportunities for public involvement as the study progresses.
- **Study and Project Roadmap:** Graphic showing approximate timelines of past and future milestones in overall project development.

## 3. Public Comment Summary

See Attachment 2 for a summary of written public comment received during the workshop as well as a summary of comments noted on flip charts during the workshop is included.

## 4. Meeting Notification

Bilingual (English/Spanish) public notices were distributed as follows:

### Direct Mail

- Notification via Sun Valley GID Billing inserts to all SVGID customers.
- Supplemental direct mail notification distribution to Sun Valley residents outside of the SVGID service area.
- Door hanger meeting notification distributed to residents of Sierra Point Apartments, 4400 El Rancho Drive, Sun Valley, NV.

### Web Site Postings

- [www.pyramidus395connection.com](http://www.pyramidus395connection.com)
- [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com)
- [www.sunvalleynevada.us](http://www.sunvalleynevada.us)

### Public Posting Locations

Meeting notices were provided for posting and/or distribution at the following locations:

- Sun Valley GID, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Sun Valley, NV 89433

- Scolari's Food & Drug, 5430 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Rainbow Market, 4696 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Dollar Loan Center, 5105 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- The House of Realty, 5442A Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Hobey's Restaurant & Casino, 5195 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433
- Valley Jewelry & Loan, 4880 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV 89433

#### **Local Publications**

- The Sun Valley Voice (English language posting only)

#### **Pre-Workshop Outreach**

RTC and Study Team representative also engaged in additional pre-workshop outreach activities to raise project awareness and encourage workshop participation including visits with local businesses and outreach to local community organizations. The following is a list organizations, community groups, and businesses that were contacted and/or visited prior to the workshop:

- Sun Valley Citizen's Advisory Board
- Spanish Springs Citizen's Advisory Board
- Sun Valley Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association
- Lois Allen Elementary School Parent-Faculty Organization
- Rainbow Market
- Scolari's Food & Drug
- Hobey's Casino & Restaurant
- Valley Jewelry & Loan
- The House of Realty
- Sierra Point Apartments
- Dollar Loan Center
- La Gloria Market
- CVS Pharmacy
- Creaciones Vecis Dress Shop
- La Panaderia y Jalisco Bakery

Unsuccessful attempts were made to contact the following businesses regarding the project and to provide an opportunity to meet with project representatives prior to the workshop:

- Wells Fargo Bank
- Super Buy Market
- Quality Motors
- Easy Living Realty
- Norma Fink Inc. Realtors
- Sun Valley Smoke Shop

## Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Sun Valley Neighborhood Meeting

ATTENDEES: **Members of the Public**  
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Chris Young/NDOT  
Del Abdalla/FHWA

Becky Bennett/FHWA  
Bryan Gant/Jacobs  
Steve Oxoby/Jacobs  
Chris Primus/Jacobs  
Christopher Martinovich/Jacobs  
Ben Taylor/Jacobs  
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FROM: Mark Gallegos/CH2M HILL  
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MEETING DATE: October 26, 2011

On Wednesday, October 26, 2011, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) hosted a Sun Valley Neighborhood Meeting for the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study held at Hobeys Casino, 5195 Sun Valley Boulevard, Sun Valley, Nevada. Following is a summary of the meeting, including its format, a description of the informational materials provided, a summary of the questions and comments collected at the meeting, attendance rosters, and meeting notification methods used.

### 1. General Meeting Summary

The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's Sun Valley Neighborhood Meeting was held in an "open house" format with informational display boards and Study Team representatives available to discuss the study and answer questions between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A brief presentation regarding the Study's progress was also provided for attendees. The purpose of the neighborhood meeting was to provide information on the Study's progress and potential connector alignment and interchange alternatives currently being considered within the Sun Valley area. The workshop also provided an opportunity for the Study Team to obtain vital public feedback prior to beginning work on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

An updated fact sheet handout, including an alternative alignments overview map, was made available to all attendees as they entered the meeting room. Attendees were provided the opportunity to submit written comments during the meeting and were also given contact information for submitting written comment via U.S. mail, e-mail, and fax and through the study website.

Spanish language interpreters were on-hand to assist Spanish speaking attendees and Spanish language fact sheet handouts were also made available.

*Approximate public attendance – 110.*

## 2. Presentation Content

### Display Board Summary

Displays and maps were divided between seven (5) stations providing information on various study elements. Each station was manned by RTC and Study Team representatives with expertise and in-depth knowledge of the information provided at the various stations to answer questions and take comments/suggestions.

The following is a list of the display boards presented during the meeting and a brief synopsis of the content for each board.

- **Study Alternatives Overview:** Aerial map depicting the alternatives currently under consideration along Pyramid Highway and alternative connector routes through Sun Valley.
- **Build Alternative 1:** Aerial map depicting the Sun Valley Boulevard Interchange North Crossing build alternative.
- **Build Alternative 2:** Aerial map depicting the Sun Valley Boulevard Interchange South Crossing build alternative.
- **Build Alternative 3:** Aerial map depicting West of Sun Valley Interchange South Crossing build alternative.
- **Build Alternative 4:** Aerial map depicting West of Sun Valley Interchange North Crossing build alternative.
- **Sun Valley Crossings and Interchanges:** Additional aerial maps were provided which focused on the Sun Valley area depicting the roadway and interchange locations under consideration within the valley.
- **Supplemental Transit Alternatives:** Map showing potential new transit routes being studied as part of the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study.
- **Potential Economic Effects and Changes:** Graphic showing the potential temporary and long-term economic effects and changes within the proposed project corridor.
- **Population/Employment Growth Traffic Demand 2008-2030:** Graphic showing historical and projected population growth and employment growth within the region with comparative travel demand at various segments along the proposed improvements.

### 3. Public Comment Summary

See Attachment 2 for a summary of written public comment received during the workshop as well as a summary of comments noted by Study Team representatives during the workshop is included.

### 4. Meeting Notification

Bilingual (English/Spanish) public notices were distributed as follows:

#### **Direct Mail**

- Notifications were sent via USPS to area residents within the vicinity of the alternatives under consideration. The mailing list included all Sun Valley residents, businesses and property owners from approximately El Rancho/Dandini north to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This generally represents those properties that could be impacted by either of the four alternatives. The mailing list is attached for reference.
- Local agencies elected officials (i.e. Washoe County, City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Regional Transportation Commission).

## Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Sun Valley Neighborhood Meeting

ATTENDEES: **Members of the Public**  
(See attached Roster)

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FROM: Mark Gallegos/CH2M HILL  
Cindy Potter/CH2M HILL

MEETING DATE: January 31, 2012

On Tuesday, January 31, 2012, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) hosted a Sun Valley Neighborhood Meeting for the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study held at Truckee Meadows Community College, 7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno, Nevada. Following is a summary of the meeting, including its format, a description of the informational materials provided, a summary of the questions and comments collected at the meeting, attendance rosters, and meeting notification methods employed.

### 1. General Meeting Summary

The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's Sun Valley Neighborhood Meeting was held in an "open house" format with informational display boards and Study Team representatives available to discuss the study and answer questions between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., with a formal presentation beginning at 5:30 p.m. The presentation included:

- Welcome and introduction of study staff (RTC)

- Brief study status update
- Responses to frequently asked questions
- Presentation regarding the property acquisition process and relocation benefits provided under the federal Uniform Relocation Act (presented by NDOT Right of Way Division).

Following the right of way presentation, attendees were provided an opportunity to submit additional questions/comments on question cards provided which were collected and read by a facilitator, then answered by Study Team representatives. This continued until 7:00 p.m., at which time the meeting returned to an open house format until 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide Sun Valley residents and business owners with additional information regarding the potential connector alignments and interchange alternatives currently being considered within the Sun Valley area and to provide information on the right-of-way acquisition process in response to requests from area residents. The neighborhood meeting also provided an opportunity for the Study Team to obtain additional public feedback on the various alternatives presented.

Informational materials made available to all attendees as they entered the meeting room included an updated fact sheet, alternative alignments overview map, comment forms, question cards, and a “frequently asked questions” handout. Spanish language versions of these materials were also made available. Additional informational materials provided by NDOT’s Right-of-Way Division included printed copies of the evening’s right-of-way presentation and the following publications:

- “Nevada Highways and Your Property” [NDOT Right-of-Way Division, July 1998]
- “Acquisition – Acquiring Real Property for Federal and Federal-Aid Programs and Projects” [USDOT Federal Highway Administration, June 2005]

Attendees were provided the opportunity to submit written comments during the meeting and were also given contact information for submitting written comments via U.S. mail, e-mail, and fax and through the study website. A certified court reporter was also on-hand to take verbal comments and to provide a transcript of the evening’s proceedings (see Attachment 4).

Spanish language interpreters were also available to assist Spanish speaking attendees.

*Approximate public attendance – 96.*

## 2. Open House Information Stations

The following is a list of the display boards available during the meeting and a brief synopsis of the content for each board. Study Team representatives were available to answer questions and take comments at each of the stations.

- **Study Alternatives Overview:** Aerial map depicting the alternatives currently under consideration along Pyramid Highway and alternative connector routes through Sun Valley.
- **Build Alternative 1:** Aerial map depicting the Sun Valley Boulevard Interchange North Crossing build alternative.



- **Build Alternative 2:** Aerial map depicting the Sun Valley Boulevard Interchange South Crossing build alternative.
- **Build Alternative 3:** Aerial map depicting West of Sun Valley Interchange South Crossing build alternative.
- **Build Alternative 4:** Aerial map depicting West of Sun Valley Interchange North Crossing build alternative.
- **Right-of-Way:** Representatives from NDOT's Right-of-Way Division provided informational materials (noted above) and representatives to answer questions from attendees regarding right-of-way and the property acquisition process.

### 3. Public Comment Summary

See Attachment 2 for a summary of written public comment received during the workshop as well as a summary of comments noted by Study Team representatives during the workshop.

### 4. Meeting Notification

Bilingual (English/Spanish) public notices were distributed as follows:

#### Direct Mail

- Notifications were sent via USPS to area residents within the vicinity of the alternatives under consideration. The mailing list included all Sun Valley residents, businesses and property owners from approximately El Rancho/Dandini north to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This generally represents those properties that could be impacted by any of the four alternatives. The mailing list included approximately 500 addresses.
- Local agencies elected officials (i.e. Washoe County, City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Regional Transportation Commission).

#### Email Notifications

- Notifications were distributed via email blast to 254 email addresses on file.

#### Web Site Postings

- [www.pyramidus395connection.com](http://www.pyramidus395connection.com)
- [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com)

## Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Spanish Springs Neighborhood Meeting

ATTENDEES: **Members of the Public**  
(See attached Roster)

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FROM: Mark Gallegos/CH2M HILL  
Cindy Potter/CH2M HILL

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2012

On Wednesday, June 13, 2012, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) hosted a Spanish Springs Neighborhood Meeting for the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study held at Yvonne Shaw Middle School, 600 Eagle Canyon Drive, Sparks, Nevada. Following is a summary of the meeting, including its format, a description of the informational materials provided, a summary of the questions and comments collected at the meeting, attendance rosters, and meeting notification methods employed.

### 1. General Meeting Summary

The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's Spanish Springs Neighborhood Meeting was held in an "open house" format with informational display boards and Study Team representatives available to discuss the study and answer questions between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., with a formal presentation beginning at 5:30 p.m. The presentation included:

- Welcome and introduction of study staff (RTC)
- Brief study status update
- Brief overview of the Pyramid corridor alternatives being studied

Following the presentation, attendees were provided an opportunity to submit additional questions/comments on question cards provided which were collected and read by a facilitator, then answered by Study Team representatives. This continued until 6:30 p.m., at which time the meeting returned to an open house format.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide Spanish Springs residents and business owners with additional information regarding the potential freeway alignments and interchange alternatives currently being considered within the Spanish Springs area. Representatives from NDOT's Right of Way Division were also on hand to provide information on the property acquisition process. The neighborhood meeting also provided an opportunity for the Study Team to obtain additional public feedback on the various alternatives presented.

Informational materials made available to all attendees as they entered the meeting room included an updated fact sheet, alternative alignments overview map, comment forms, and question cards. Spanish language versions of these materials were also made available. Additional informational materials made available by NDOT's Right-of-Way Division included the following publications:

- "Nevada Highways and Your Property" [NDOT Right-of-Way Division, July 1998]
- "Acquisition – Acquiring Real Property for Federal and Federal-Aid Programs and Projects" [USDOT Federal Highway Administration, June 2005]

Attendees were provided the opportunity to submit written comments during the meeting and were also given contact information for submitting written comments via U.S. mail, e-mail, and fax and through the study website. A certified court reporter was also on-hand to take verbal comments and to provide a transcript of the evening's proceedings (see Attachment 4).

A Spanish language interpreter was also available to assist Spanish speaking attendees.

*Approximate public attendance – 63.*

## 2. Open House Information Stations

The following is a list of the display boards available during the meeting and a brief synopsis of the content for each board. Study Team representatives were available to answer questions and take comments at each of the stations.

- **Study Alternatives Overview:** Aerial map depicting the alternatives currently under consideration along Pyramid Highway and alternative connector routes through Sun Valley.
- **Build Alternative 1 ("Off" Alignment):** Aerial map depicting the proposed Pyramid Freeway alignment traversing along the hillside on the west side of Spanish Springs (behind existing residential and commercial properties) from the area of Disc Drive to Sparks Boulevard.
- **Build Alternatives 2 & 4 ("On" Alignment):** Aerial map depicting the proposed Pyramid Freeway and associated frontage roads and interchanges, converting existing Pyramid Highway to freeway standards between Disc Drive and Sparks Boulevard.

- **Build Alternative 3 (“Ridge” Alignment):** Aerial map depicting the proposed Pyramid Freeway traversing through the hills to the west of Spanish Springs (between the Spanish Springs Valley and Sun Valley).
- **Common Elements:** Aerial map depicting the proposed improvements common to the four freeway alternatives along Pyramid from Sparks Boulevard to Calle de la Plata and along Disc Drive from Pyramid to Vista Boulevard.
- **Section 4(f):** Information on the Section 4(f) regulation as it relates to the Wedekind Park property and potential impacts, the Section 4(f) *de minimis* provision that allows a use when no adverse effect would occur, and requirements for *de minimis* approval.
- **Programmatic Agreement for Historic Resources:** Information regarding Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the study team’s consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Native American Tribes, RTC, NDOT, and other historic consulting parties to identify resources, potential project effects, and mitigation measures. Also information about the Programmatic Agreement being prepared that outlines steps to be followed by historic consulting parties after the EIS process is completed to consider the project’s effects to historic resources.
- **Right-of-Way:** Representatives from NDOT’s Right-of-Way Division provided informational materials (noted above) and representatives were available to answer questions regarding right-of-way and the property acquisition process.
- **Pyramid/McCarran Intersection Project:** Representatives from the RTC were available to provide information and answer questions regarding the Pyramid/McCarran Intersection project.

### 3. Public Comment

See Attachment 2 for written public comment received during the workshop as well as a summary of comments noted by Study Team representatives during the workshop.

### 4. Meeting Notification

Bilingual (English/Spanish) public notices were distributed as follows:

#### Direct Mail

- Notifications were sent via USPS to area residents and businesses within the vicinity of the Pyramid corridor alternatives under consideration. The mailing list included approximately 1,435 addresses.
- Local agencies elected officials (i.e. Washoe County, City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Regional Transportation Commission).

#### Email Notifications

- Notifications were distributed via email blast to 181 email addresses on file.

#### Public Postings

Public notices were posted at the following locations within the Pyramid Highway corridor:

- Scolari’s, 1300 Disc Drive, Sparks, NV

- Oasis Mobile Estates, 6550 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV
- Blue Gem Estates, 6560 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV
- Spanish Springs Library, 7100A Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV
- Save Mart, 9750 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV
- 7-Eleven, 15 Eagle Canyon Drive, Sparks, NV

#### **Web Site Postings**

- [www.pyramidus395connection.com](http://www.pyramidus395connection.com)
- [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com)

## **Attachment 1**

### **Attendance Rosters**

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 Shaw Middle School  
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## **Attachment 2**

# **Public Comment Summary**

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## Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Spanish Springs Neighborhood Meeting June 13, 2012

### Written Comments:

We are in favor of the north off-alignment concept from Disc Drive to Sparks Boulevard. Why impact home owners if you don't need to.

*Please see official transcript (Attachment \_) for additional comments and questions received during the evening's proceedings.*

### Verbal comments provided to study representatives (staff) during the course of the meeting:

Multiple residents living between Sky Ranch and Calle de la Plata expressed concerns regarding equestrian trails, indicating many of these trails have been constructed for horse use only and want to ensure that future improvements to the facility continue to allow the use of these trails. Crossings were not requested, but fencing and signage were requested to separate and indicate where certain areas are designated for equestrian use.

Comments tended to prefer off- and ridge alignments as there would be less property acquisitions involved.

A ranch owner north of Disc Drive disliked that the project would impact their property as there were already huge impacts with the extension of Disc Drive to Vista Boulevard. The owner also indicated that her property was left in poor shape after the Disc project.

Property just west of the intersection at Pyramid Way and Queen Way had the following questions:

- Will we have a dedicated southbound lane on Pyramid when we exit Wedekind eastbound to southbound Pyramid? (Answer: Yes)
- Will we have protected or permissive left turn movement when traveling from northbound Pyramid to westbound Wedekind? (Answer: That will be determined in final design and is a decision for the City of Sparks.)
- Will Queen/Pyramid Intersection include a "high-T" movement for the northbound traffic on Pyramid so they will not need to stop? (Answer: This will be determined during final design.)

Several residents had concerns about access and/or right of way acquisitions. Several residents had questions regarding access and potential right of way acquisitions relative to their property.

Most residents expressed concern regarding the timeline of the improvements and would like to see the project move forward more quickly.

## **Attachment 3**

## **Comment Sheets**

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Sun Valley Neighborhood Meeting  
Shaw Middle School  
600 Eagle Canyon Drive, Sparks, NV 89441  
June 13, 2012

**Public Comment Form**

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We are in favor of the North off alignment concept  
due drive to sparks Blvd.

Why impact home owners if you don't need too.

Please use this form to share your comments regarding the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection project. Comment forms may be sent via U.S. mail to Mr. Doug Maloy, PE, Project Manager, Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 108, Reno, NV 89502, phone (775) 335-1865, fax (775) 348-0170 or e-mail [dmaloy@rtcwashoe.com](mailto:dmaloy@rtcwashoe.com)





## **Attachment 4**

# **Certified Meeting Transcript**

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTATION - OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2012

Shaw Middle School  
600 Eagle Canyon Drive  
Sparks, Nevada

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2           SPARKS, NEVADA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2012, 4:00 P.M.

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6           MIKE MORENO: Good evening, folks. My name is  
7 Mike Moreno. I'm the Public Information Officer for the  
8 RTC. We're going to be ready to start our presentation  
9 here in a couple of minutes, so if you'll advance to the  
10 seating area we'll start in just a few minutes.

11           Thank you all for coming today.

12           AMY CUMMINGS: Good evening, everyone. Thank you  
13 so much for taking time out of your day to come here and  
14 talk to us about this project. We really appreciate your  
15 interest and your participation.

16           I'm Amy Cummings. I'm the Director of Planning at  
17 the RTC, and the way the agenda is going to flow tonight  
18 is I'm going to let you know who you are in case you have  
19 questions and then Doug Maloy, our Project Manager, is  
20 going to provide some technical information about the  
21 work that has been done so far on this project, that's  
22 going to be for about 20 to 30 minutes.

23           And then we'll have a Q&A session. We will be  
24 passing out some comments cards, so if you have a comment  
25 or question, we're going to ask that you write that down,

1 and then we'll have a panel up here to address those  
2 comments.

3 And, finally, we'll have some time for one-on-one  
4 discussion with our team and the NDOT team to discuss the  
5 detailed design issues at the stations at the back of the  
6 room.

7 First, I wanted to note a few of the folks that  
8 are here tonight. In particular, Washoe County  
9 Commissioner and RTC Commissioner Bonnie Webber, who is  
10 here. Would you like to make a few comments?

11 BONNIE WEBBER: Sure, I'd love to. Thank you so  
12 much.

13 Thank you all for coming tonight. Glad to have  
14 you come out and hear more information. Please be sure  
15 that you ask your questions, there's no question that's  
16 too hard. Our staff is very willing to work with you,  
17 talk with you, walk you through your individual  
18 situation, and we hope that you will definitely make sure  
19 that you say something to us.

20 I am your commissioner for RTC and I am very  
21 excited about being on RTC. I've been on the county  
22 commission for 10 years now and never have served on RTC  
23 so I'm very excited about that. And I hope that I bring  
24 a different perspective for you all as contingents to the  
25 RTC.

1           So thank you very much and thank you for being  
2 here.

3           AMY CUMMINGS: And I also want to note that Sun  
4 Valley GID member Garth Elliott is here. Raise your  
5 hand.

6           [Inaudible comments.]

7           AMY CUMMINGS: And also Washoe County Commissioner  
8 Elect Vaughn Hartung is here. Thank you for coming.

9           And so that you know who we are with the RTC  
10 staff, stand up and raise your hands, so if you have  
11 questions for the discussion period afterwards you'll  
12 know who to find.

13           We also have our consultant team here, so if you  
14 could raise your hands as well.

15           BONNIE WEBBER: Okay. We also have a Sparks CAB  
16 chair -- Spanish Springs, I'm sorry.

17           AMY CUMMINGS: Thank you. Cindy Brown.

18           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

19           AMY CUMMINGS: Thank you very much. Oh, by the  
20 way, NDOT has a team here and they will be able to answer  
21 questions relating to right-of-way concerns and the  
22 Uniform Relocation Act. They're at a table over there.  
23 Thank you.

24           So now I'm going to introduce Doug Maloy, who is  
25 our Project Manager.

1 DOUG MALOY: Great. Thank you, Amy.

2 I am Doug Maloy, Project Manager working on this  
3 project for about four years. I do also want to thank  
4 you for attending this evening.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear you.

6 DOUG MALOY: We haven't been in the Spanish  
7 Springs area for a while and this is an opportune time  
8 for us to be out here with you today.

9 I just want to give a little understanding of the  
10 roles that the individual you see here on this opening  
11 screen. The RTC, we're the metropolitan planning  
12 organization for Washoe County. We're looking at  
13 transportation planning, long-range needs. We have a  
14 Regional Transportation Plan. Amy's planning group is  
15 currently updating that Regional Transportation Plan,  
16 that including all the regional roads in northern  
17 Nevada -- excuse me -- Washoe County and one of those is  
18 the Pyramid Highway.

19 NDOT, we're working with NDOT closely. Pyramid  
20 Highway is owned and operated by NDOT, so it's important  
21 to understand that we're doing this facility -- we're  
22 doing this study that we're going to be talking about  
23 here tonight with -- directly with NDOT, who would  
24 ultimately own and operate this facility.

25 And then the Federal Highway Administration is



1 also mentioned here, shown. It's a federally funded  
2 project, and as such we're in a situation where we're  
3 looking at projects that may have an impact --  
4 significant impact, this is one will potentially. We're  
5 working with them closely. It's federally funded. They  
6 are the lead agency and the document we're preparing is  
7 what they'll be approving ultimately as we go forward.

8 So -- and I want to pause real quick to say, this  
9 is a long-range plan. This is planning looking out to  
10 the year 2035 with traffic projections. We're certainly  
11 looking at the current situation but we're looking at  
12 2035. So it's long-range plan and the design process  
13 that we'll be seeing for this facility is also long-range  
14 as well.

15 Likely, improvements on Pyramid, and we'll talk a  
16 little bit about that as the presentation continues, is  
17 part of our 15 to 20 years out at the very earliest. So  
18 I think it's significant, we'll be mentioning that  
19 continually throughout the presentation here. Again, the  
20 stations are set up for questions to be answered. So  
21 with that, I'm going to continue on.

22 So the purpose and need is what we're looking at  
23 is relieving congestion on Pyramid and providing  
24 connectivity from Pyramid over to US 395. This is -- the  
25 purpose and need is what we evaluate concepts against.

1 We have to -- it's determined early on in the process any  
2 alternative that is considered has to be weighed against  
3 the purpose or need or it falls out as being a concept to  
4 continue to move forward.

5 We had a scoping meeting to determine the purpose  
6 and need back in 2008. Some of the elements of that  
7 purpose and need are obviously to serve the existing and  
8 forecasting population and employment growth. We're  
9 currently involved, as you know, that the growth by way  
10 of population has certainly flattened out, if not  
11 declined in some cases, and we've adjusted for that.  
12 This is looking out, again, to the year 2035.

13 Address existing traffic issues, providing  
14 connectivity, accessibility, there's obviously many major  
15 roads that connect to Pyramid, accessibility is obviously  
16 very important, it has to be considered as we look to  
17 this, and then relieving congestion.

18 Relieving congestion will not only improve the  
19 safety of the facility we're looking at, but it also  
20 improves our quality, and that's a part of our long-range  
21 transportation plan. It's a role that has to be  
22 addressed, so I mentioned the safety and I mentioned the  
23 regional transportation -- excuse me -- the long-range  
24 plan.

25 So basically looking at Pyramid Highway, it is the

1 really major -- the only major road leading in and out to  
2 the Spanish Springs area. We do have Vista and Sparks  
3 Boulevard but they don't have the capacity that this  
4 facility potentially has. And, in addition, McCarran is  
5 really the only major east/west route so we're looking at  
6 providing some connectivity between the valleys and the  
7 other ways to get US 395, that's part of the ultimate  
8 purpose and need.

9 I also want to mention that this is a project --  
10 or a study that we're looking at, we're also working  
11 concurrently on a separate EIS, or Environmental Impact  
12 Statement, and that's for Pyramid/McCarran Intersection.  
13 That project is in a similar place as far as progress as  
14 we are. They have submitted their document to the  
15 Department of Transportation, ultimately the Federal  
16 Highway Administration.

17 I just want to point out they're limits are Queens  
18 Way and the limits of this project are Queens Way as  
19 well, so their northern limits and our southern limits  
20 come together.

21 By the way, that station over there in the corner,  
22 Station 6, someone can answer questions you might have --  
23 or they are there to answer questions that you have about  
24 that project. I know that there's a lot of interest in  
25 that as well.

1           So tonight you're going hear the terms like NEPA,  
2           EIS -- I already used EIS. NEPA is the federal policy,  
3           National Environmental Policy Act. It's, again, for  
4           federally funded projects where there are impacts, not  
5           only physical environment, that being streams, wetlands,  
6           air, endangered species, archeological, but also to the  
7           human environment, and that would be, of course,  
8           properties and people that live within those properties.  
9           So the NEPA policy requires us to look at and evaluate  
10          and determine what the impacts are.

11          And the Environmental Impact Statement, the EIS I  
12          mentioned, that's the document that's used to explain and  
13          measure what the impacts are. So we're well along in  
14          that process, that's part of why we wanted to be here  
15          tonight to explain what that process is. You can learn  
16          about the alternatives and we'll talk to you about what  
17          those are, and give you the latest information. Again,  
18          talk to folks at the stations afterwards.

19          So I want to get a lot of the history. There has  
20          been some history regarding the studies, studies that  
21          have occurred and planning that have occurred previous to  
22          this study, and then our long-range transportation plans  
23          adopted in that planning element.

24          Following the steps here, this is where we're at  
25          currently, drafting the DEIS, that's the draft that will

1 be submitted to the Department of Transportation. At the  
2 time that it is submitted, there's a public hearing and a  
3 public comment period. We're accepting comments all the  
4 time but that is the official period that we are also  
5 accepting comments. And at the end of that period we'll  
6 take the comments, look at them and evaluate them,  
7 compare them and modify to create the final EIS.

8 The ROD, or Record of Decision, is what ultimately  
9 comes from the Federal Highway Administration. If there  
10 is a preferred alternative -- as a preferred alternative  
11 is selected, that would be what is -- comes out of the  
12 ROD. At that point we would move into design and  
13 eventually construction, most likely on some phase of  
14 this project.

15 So the last bullet there indicates that we're  
16 anticipating the Draft EIS would be complete and have  
17 that public hearing this fall.

18 This is just a list of the of meetings we've had,  
19 a couple of them in Spanish Springs early on in the  
20 project. We -- back in 2009 we were looking -- well into  
21 looking at different concepts. Since that time very  
22 little has changed regarding concepts. We have had added  
23 an alternative -- we'll explain which one that is -- the  
24 ridge alternative above -- above Pyramid.

25 And then we've had several meetings in Sun Valley.

1 A lot of those meetings were -- because we didn't see  
2 attendance at the earlier meetings when we held them in  
3 Spanish Springs by Sun Valley folks, so we outreached  
4 directly to them, and then we also were looking at  
5 different alternatives that affected them directly in Sun  
6 Valley so we had several meetings in order to show and  
7 better explain what those alternatives are and kind of  
8 whittle it down to some other alternatives.

9 We've had many -- one of the route meetings  
10 throughout the process, up to 50 different meetings have  
11 been held. We've been to the CABs, including the Spanish  
12 Springs CABs several times. There will be more of those  
13 meetings, I'm sure, as we go through, stakeholders and  
14 others throughout the process.

15 So this is the overview map, you've probably seen  
16 it around the room. I'm just going to kind of leading  
17 into more specific discussion on alternatives, kind of  
18 walk you through from west to east.

19 This is a proposed interchange at US 395/Parr and  
20 Dandini where there's an existing interchange. We have  
21 four alternatives -- these are not each, these would be a  
22 couple of alternatives off of each of these two in Sun  
23 Valley as far as crossing through Sun Valley.

24 And then there's three different alignments along  
25 Pyramid Highway between Disc and Sparks Boulevard that we

1 would be looking at something on the existing facility,  
2 something just above Wal-Mart along the hillside there,  
3 and then something up on top along the ridge.

4 Further to the north, Calle de la Plata, this is  
5 the freeway facility, and we'll show you those closer if  
6 you need to.

7 So I'm going to introduce Bryan Gant, he's our  
8 consultant with Jacobs, working closely with CH2N Hill  
9 who is involved working on this project. Bryan is going  
10 to walk you through some of the alternatives and explain  
11 it probably more eloquently than I can. And then  
12 afterwards we'll answer any questions that you might  
13 have.

14 BRYAN GANT: Thank you, Doug.

15 Again, for the record, my name is Bryan Gant with  
16 Jacob Engineering. And as Doug was mentioning, there is  
17 several different options that make up this overall  
18 concept, the four different ones in the Sun Valley area  
19 and the different alignments long Pyramid.

20 Moving forward, I'm going to describe the four  
21 different alternatives that are analyzed in the  
22 environmental document that we're preparing, but keep in  
23 mind that the different parts of this can be mixed and  
24 matched almost like a menu so anything that happens --  
25 any choices made in the Sun Valley area are independent



1 of the choices made for the Pyramid alignments.

2 We've come up with four alternatives, because if  
3 you do four times three, that's 12, it's a little too  
4 cumbersome to fully analyze and make it make sense in the  
5 environmental documents. So we've tried to package those  
6 into four distinct alternatives that give you a view to a  
7 range for the different impacts and the options. But  
8 moving forward a final alternative could be any  
9 combination in there.

10 Let me describe a little bit about those elements  
11 that are common to all the four different alternatives.  
12 As Doug mentioned -- it's a little hard to see but down  
13 at US 395 there's a system interchange there, that's the  
14 same for all the four alternatives, as well as the  
15 improvements from Disc Drive down to Queen, those will  
16 match up with the Pyramid/McCarran Intersection Project,  
17 those come together.

18 Then there's widening of Disc from four to six  
19 lanes over to Sparks Boulevard, and then some additional  
20 improvements over to Vista. And then at the north end of  
21 the project we have a six-lane freeway facility with  
22 interchanges at Sparks Boulevard, Lazy 5 Parkway, Dolores  
23 and Eagle Canyon.

24 North of there we have a six-lane arterial up to  
25 Calle de la Plata. An arterial is what you have out

1       there on Pyramid today, if that puts it into context. So  
2       the freeway portion ends essentially at Eagle Canyon, and  
3       so those elements that I just described are common to all  
4       four different alternatives that are shown around the  
5       room.

6               So, again, why four alternatives? It's really the  
7       options over in Sun Valley that are driving that, and  
8       we're going to get our arms around all the different  
9       options that are there. In the Sun Valley area -- and  
10      this is Sun Valley Boulevard on both of these -- we have  
11      what's called a northerly crossing up around Randon Way  
12      and we have a southerly crossing location just north of  
13      Dandini, and so that provides a choice there, you're  
14      going to go to the north, you're going to go to the  
15      south.

16             In addition to that, we can interchange with  
17      either Sun Valley Boulevard, which is what both these  
18      images are showing, or we have an option to interchange  
19      to the west of Sun Valley Boulevard. So if you think of  
20      the two different crossing locations, the two different  
21      interchange locations, that's the four alternatives laid  
22      out in the room and the four that are being analyzed in  
23      the document.

24             Now let's get into some of the details of those  
25      four in the Pyramid area specifically. Alternative 1

1 encompasses what we call the Off-Alignment. So to put  
2 this in perspective, this is Pyramid right there in blue.  
3 What the Off-Alignment does is it takes that freeway that  
4 I was describing to the north that ended at Eagle Canyon,  
5 if you're coming south and you get south to Sparks  
6 Boulevard, that six-lane freeway then peels off to the  
7 west, comes in below the ridge line but kind of hugs  
8 right behind the existing Wal-Mart over there before it  
9 then turns to the west. We call that the Off-Alignment.

10 There would be an interchange with an extension of  
11 Disc, and that's paired up with one of the Sun Valley  
12 options, so that comprises Alternative 1.

13 Here's a little bit better blow-up to kind of give  
14 you a feel for where that Off-Alignment is. Again, that  
15 Wal-Mart is kind of right around in this area, and the  
16 ridge line is right about in here, so the blue one is the  
17 one I'm referring to. So that Alternative 1 is over at  
18 meeting Station 1 over there.

19 Then we have Alternative 2 which encompasses what  
20 we call the On-Alignment. And this is Pyramid here and  
21 the On-Alignment utilizes the existing transportation  
22 corridor. You all live out there, you need to improve  
23 its capacity just making it better in its existing  
24 footprint, and that's what the On-Alignment does.

25 It would have an interchange at Sparks Boulevard

1     like the others, but then it heads south and you would  
2     have an interchange with Golden View and then an  
3     interchange with Los Altos and Disc Drive, and connecting  
4     in there would be frontage roads. If you're familiar  
5     with frontage roads, those provide local excess off the  
6     freeway, collects that traffic and then gets those people  
7     up on the freeway. That then swings to the west and ties  
8     in with some of our Sun Valley options. So that's  
9     Alternative No. 2.

10           It's also pretty similar to Alternative No. 4  
11     where we use the On-Alignment again. So we had to repeat  
12     -- again, we had to package these into the Statement of  
13     Alternatives -- we had to repeat one of the alignments in  
14     Pyramid area since we have three alignments and four  
15     overall alternatives, and the On-Alignment is the one  
16     that gets repeated, there's really no rhyme or reason to  
17     it, it's just the one we picked.

18           So this one on Alternative 4 is the same for the  
19     On-Alignment area, it just gets married with a different  
20     option over in the Sun Valley area. Hopefully that makes  
21     sense. So those Alternatives 2 and 4 are described over  
22     at Station 2 if you wanted to zoom in and get the details  
23     on those.

24           Then there's Alternative 3. We call this one the  
25     Ridge-Alignment. So we figure we have one which is the

1 On-Alignment, then we have one that's the Off-Alignment  
2 and the Ridge-Alignment takes the idea of the  
3 Off-Alignment and pushes it even further to the west. So  
4 one of the issues with that Off-Alignment is it will be  
5 visually scarring because it does reside below the ridge  
6 view. The Ridge-Alignment takes that and pushes it over  
7 the hilltop, so the idea there was to try to improve some  
8 of the visual impacts that perhaps the Off-Alignment has.

9 But other than that, it's very similar,  
10 interchange with Sparks Boulevard, you swing to the left,  
11 you get up over the hill, you tie into an extension of  
12 Disc, and then you marry that with an option over in Sun  
13 Valley.

14 So that's Alternative No. 3. Again, this gives  
15 you a view of what the Ridge-Alignment looks like  
16 compared to the Off or the On-Alignment. And then that  
17 Ridge-Alignment is show over in Station 3 if you're  
18 interested in that.

19 And with that, I'll hand it back over to Doug.

20 DOUG MALOY: I see why I handed that off to him,  
21 he did an excellent job. I'm not quite up with that, so  
22 we appreciate that. I apologize. Bryan did an excellent  
23 job explaining that, so that was the intent there.

24 So, anyway, I do want to mention just briefly  
25 where we're at in the process. Again, Draft EIS here,

1 this is kind of a little bit of the road ahead, if you  
2 will. Finally, the document around 2013, with that  
3 Record of Decision potentially at the year 2014, and then  
4 we would begin design.

5 Right now design for this level of study is in the  
6 15 percent range so there's a significant amount of  
7 design that's required. An initial -- initially then  
8 after that design is completed it would be right-of-way  
9 acquisition.

10 Likely, early phase would be the connector with  
11 other phases moving on to Pyramid and then progressing to  
12 the north as kind of matching where the congestion is  
13 higher to the south, if you will, and a little bit less  
14 as you go to the north.

15 These are initial segments for probably what would  
16 be a connector, and then the construction of that  
17 potentially in the 2018, '20 time frame, so we're quite a  
18 ways out from seeing any kind of construction and even  
19 right-of-way acquisition for construction of that segment  
20 for those phases.

21 And then future Pyramid segments follow the same  
22 process with further design, right-of-way acquisition,  
23 the same steps would be followed, we're potentially  
24 looking at -- well, it will be 2020 to 2030 before we  
25 begin either of those segments and ultimately leading to

1 construction, and, likely, just based on the size of the  
2 facility and based on the cost of the facility that it  
3 could go beyond 2035 before we complete all -- basically  
4 have build-out of these alternatives -- or the third  
5 alternatives, if you will.

6 So that is the presentation. This is my contact  
7 information. Hopefully you have an opportunity to check  
8 out our website. We'll be doing updates of the website,  
9 including information from this meeting will be uploaded  
10 to that website. It's under the "Streets and Highways"  
11 home page of rtcwashoe.com.

12 So we're going to handle the question period right  
13 now. We've got some cards, if you raise your hand we'll  
14 get a card to you and then we'll try to answer your  
15 questions.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do we have to put them on  
17 the card?

18 DOUG MALOY: Please put your questions on the card  
19 and we'll come around and grab those.

20 AMY CUMMINGS: Darren has several questions, so  
21 rather than writing them he's asked to ask our panel  
22 directly. And I want to mention again, Bryan and Doug  
23 are going to be fielding the questions, and if -- you may  
24 ask questions that we don't have the answers to today;  
25 and if that's the case, we'll be sure to do our research



1 and get back in touch with you about that.

2 DARREN PRICE: Thank you. Doug and Brian, what  
3 percent is the project in regional money and what percent  
4 is potentially in grants coming from the federal  
5 government, et cetera?

6 DOUG MALOY: Currently it's entirely -- I  
7 apologize. I thought we had another microphone.

8 Currently it's entirely federally funded with a  
9 state match, so 90 -- 90 percent/10 percent federally  
10 funded, and unidentified as to what the future funding  
11 would be there is opportunities with some RTC 5 Bonds  
12 potentially. We're looking at the opportunities for  
13 maybe the first phase being partially or completely  
14 funded using those funds.

15 AMY CUMMINGS: I'd like to note, too, as part of  
16 the Regional Transportation Plan we're going to be -- we  
17 will be updating our financial forecast for the region  
18 for out to 2035 based on the new population forecasts  
19 coming out.

20 DARREN PRICE: Have you -- so Darren Price for the  
21 record. And for those you who don't me, I'm from the Sun  
22 Valley area who came over here.

23 So are you guys anticipating some of the potential  
24 zoning changes along the corridor that may happen as  
25 people see some advantages from changing, say, to GR to

1 commercial, especially some of those areas behind  
2 Wal-Mart or as you come down through there, property  
3 owners that may want to take advantage?

4 DOUG MALOY: No, I don't really think that's  
5 probably going to be the result of the facility. This is  
6 a controlled access facility, so access, which would  
7 probably change some of those opportunities, I think,  
8 would evolve after -- maybe after this facility is  
9 further planned. So I can't say that we haven't thought  
10 about that. And we are talking about -- if you're  
11 talking about behind Wal-Mart, you're talking about BLM  
12 property so I don't know what the process would be, I  
13 don't really have an answer for you.

14 AMY CUMMINGS: Thank you. Did you have a question  
15 No. 3?

16 DARREN PRICE: I do. Are there any monies  
17 available for this project for aesthetics, you know, some  
18 greenery or some sound walls, any of those type of  
19 things, sidewalks?

20 BRYAN GANT: Typical for -- this is ultimately  
21 expected to be an NDOT facility. Typical for any NDOT  
22 project is to set aside three percent for landscape and  
23 aesthetics, and that is a requirement.

24 And you mentioned sidewalks as well, and sound  
25 walls, those are above and beyond that. Those are

1 considered a part of the capital costs and those are  
2 already being looked at and considered as to the  
3 alternatives.

4 DARREN PRICE: Last one, just a comment.

5 This is the first time I had seen some of the  
6 three alternatives up there, and I want you to know,  
7 Bryan, I'm a little offended by your comment that you  
8 made on the Alternative 3, the ridge line one.

9 The potential for pushing that west so that  
10 aesthetically people would not see cars on the Spanish  
11 Springs side, pushes it over to Sun Valley where we would  
12 see the cars, which is predominantly residential, as  
13 opposed to the alternative behind Wal-Mart which is  
14 mostly commercial where people don't live. If you push  
15 it to the ridge line, now we have noise and light  
16 pollution that you can see from all of Sun Valley, which  
17 is primarily all residential.

18 So when you talk about it, you know, the second  
19 alternative behind Wal-Mart seems a little more logical  
20 where it's mostly commercial, there's restricted hours on  
21 when those stores, some of them, are open, as opposed to  
22 pushing it to the ridge line where now it's visible from  
23 a lot more areas, especially the residential areas in Sun  
24 Valley. I hope you consider that a lot when you look at  
25 those alternatives before you push it to the top of the

1 hill where it's visible in more areas. Thank you.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm offended it's going to  
3 tear my house down.

4 BRYAN GANT: Darren, I appreciate you sharing that  
5 comment. I apologize if it came across that way.

6 A clarification on that is that the ridge line to  
7 the west the Pyramid corridor, this is a distinct, for  
8 lack of a better term, knife ridge. It actually plateaus  
9 out there quite a bit and there's multiple knobs along  
10 the way, so it's really resting up on top of that  
11 plateau, if you will. I use the term "ridge" but there  
12 are multiple knobs to the west of the ridge alignment  
13 that would help further block that from the Sun Valley  
14 community. I'm not saying there wouldn't be portions  
15 that wouldn't be visible to Sun valley but it's about as  
16 good as you're going to do to balance a hiding in between  
17 the two communities.

18 DARREN PRICE: I understand that, but there's no  
19 portion visible with the other alternatives, right?

20 BRYAN GANT: Correct, until it swings to the west.

21 DARREN PRICE: Well, yeah, but then you're at the  
22 bottom part, we know it's coming across there. Thank  
23 you.

24 DOUG MALOY: Thank you.

25 AMY CUMMINGS: Thank you very much.

1           And we have two questions that are related to  
2 public transit so I'm going to read these at the same  
3 time and we can respond to both of them.

4           One is from Diane Foster asking: Will we ever get  
5 public transportation in Spanish Springs?

6           And the other is from Laurie (sic) Feemster  
7 asking: What consideration has been given to mass public  
8 transportation in and out of Sun Valley -- Spanish  
9 Springs Valley?

10           And one question, this gets back to the Regional  
11 Transportation Plan that I mentioned we're working on,  
12 one of the components of that is looking at our vision  
13 for public transportation in our community over the next  
14 20 years.

15           And one thing that we've heard time and again is  
16 that there is a desire to have more public transit  
17 options in this area and it's, of course, a challenge for  
18 us because of the -- we're funded through sales -- local  
19 sales tax which, as you know, has been declining  
20 significantly so revenue is certainly a challenge for us  
21 adding new service.

22           But we're going to be looking at creative  
23 solutions to see what some options might be to have even  
24 a limited day service out here to help folks. We've had  
25 especially requests for service for seniors to get to

1 basic medical and shopping type trips, so we're having --  
2 doing some research into that over the next couple months  
3 and have another public meeting this fall to discuss  
4 motorized transit and specific to this projet I'll hand  
5 the microphone to Bryan.

6 BRYAN GANT: We have taken a look at transit  
7 purposes as part of the alternative, and early on it was  
8 determined that transit alone wouldn't be able to meet  
9 the purpose and need of the project. Obviously with that  
10 type of congestion, transit alone wouldn't do it;  
11 however, we are incorporating improvements to support  
12 future transit, those include park-and-ride lots and  
13 accommodations as well for an assumed future transit line  
14 in the area, depending on the outcomes of the RTP update  
15 that Amy was just describing.

16 AMY CUMMINGS: This next question is from Melynda  
17 Mall -- and I apologize if I pronounce your name wrong,  
18 so feel free to correct me.

19 MELYNDA MALL: Mall, shopping mall.

20 AMY CUMMINGS: Mall -- oh, yes, it smeared a  
21 little bit when got it.

22 And the question is: What happens to Pyramid  
23 between Disc and McCarran, will we still be able to  
24 connect with I-80 from Pyramid? So a design question  
25 there.

1 DOUG MALOY: I tried to explain that, I must have  
2 not done a very good job.

3 Yes, there is opportunity to stay on the facility  
4 to US 395, but also there's opportunity to get off on the  
5 frontage road and connect free flow to the Disc  
6 intersection and continue further south.

7 MELYNDA MALL: So you have to actually get off the  
8 freeway to get to an access road so that you can continue  
9 on Pyramid, or can you stay on one of the frontage roads  
10 and just go down Pyramid? It seems kind of out of the  
11 way to get on the freeway to get off the freeway to take  
12 Pyramid now; does that make sense?

13 DOUG MALOY: You're in the location of Golden  
14 View, correct?

15 MELYNDA MALL: Correct. So if I have to get on  
16 the frontage road, can I bypass the interchange  
17 completely? For all those people who live in those  
18 subdivisions, if they want to continue on Pyramid do they  
19 have to get on the freeway to get off the freeway to stay  
20 on Pyramid Highway?

21 DOUG MALOY: That's a no. You would go through  
22 and then bypass the Los Altos interchange, the first one  
23 to the south, and stay on that road and get to Disc and  
24 eventually stay on -- at Disc and Pyramid and continue to  
25 the south.

1           AMY CUMMINGS: Thanks. And I wanted to let our  
2           NDOT colleagues over there know that we have a  
3           question -- and I'll do one more before I get to you --  
4           is RTC going to pay off mortgages? What if you are  
5           upside down on your mortgage? So if you could make your  
6           way up to the front to answer that for us, we would  
7           appreciate it.

8           But in the meantime, this is a process-related  
9           question from Robert Dickens asking: What will determine  
10          which alignment would be used?

11          BRYAN GANT: That's an excellent question. That  
12          is really the whole point of this process, and the draft  
13          environmental document that Doug mentioned will be coming  
14          out this fall. It's really an information source to give  
15          you, as well as elected officials and other resource  
16          agencies, information for comparison on the different  
17          alternatives. It will be the feedback from that document  
18          and from outreach such as this, as well as the technical  
19          information enclosed in that document, that makes a  
20          decision on which way to go.

21          So long story short, your input now, your input  
22          after the document comes out in the fall, as well as the  
23          input of other agencies, really drives the selection of  
24          what the alternatives will be, and it's the whole point  
25          of this process.



1           AMY CUMMINGS: If you don't mind me adding, this  
2 is a very consensus-driven process and ultimately the  
3 selection of the preferred alternative will go to the RTC  
4 board, then it's got to be approved by the Federal  
5 Highway Administration.

6           And let's go back to the question about mortgages.

7           MARGARET ORCI: Hi. My name is Margaret Orci I'm  
8 with Department of Transportation.

9           And in regards to mortgages, if you're upside down  
10 on your mortgage, we do have a program that we have to  
11 follow that is under the Uniform Act, which is the CFRs,  
12 the federal requirements. And with that being said,  
13 there is a program in place that if -- if and when the  
14 appraisal is completed and the appraisal -- let me give  
15 you an example -- comes in at \$100,000 and it turns out  
16 that your current mortgage is at 150, so obviously the  
17 fair market value today is not going to cover the balance  
18 owed on that mortgage. So as long as the property owner  
19 has met the criteria and has continued to have made their  
20 mortgage payments, you would qualify for us to go ahead  
21 and conduct an administrative settlement which would then  
22 pay off the difference, that \$50,000 would be paid under  
23 the administrative settlement portion, so your mortgage  
24 would be paid in full.

25           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [Indiscernible].

1 MARGARET ORCI: But along with that, if you're in  
2 that situation we have the relocation program that goes  
3 along with the acquisition. There's two different sides,  
4 you have an acquisition side and you have the relocation  
5 side. So we have a program then that will assist you a  
6 replacement site, we would calculate out a possible  
7 differential so that you could get into a replacement  
8 site of the same type, if not slightly better, and then  
9 you would also get benefits to help you move. You know,  
10 there's --

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What about say like a down  
12 payment? We put 60,000 down on our house and we're  
13 upside down, going through that whole process, second  
14 part of the relocation, we don't have money to put any  
15 money down to buy another house.

16 MARGARET ORCI: Exactly. We calculate -- that's  
17 one of the problems with entitlements, we take that into  
18 consideration and it should give you a dollar amount that  
19 would be applied as a new down payment for replacement  
20 value.

21 So if you have more questions about that, we can  
22 talk at our little station over there. We have the  
23 booklet and brochure with regard to all the relocation  
24 benefits. Okay?

25 DOUG MALOY: Let me just add that we are currently

1 and we will be into the near future here, there's  
2 examples of that occurring at Pyramid/McCarran where that  
3 project is a little bit closer to being finalized and  
4 moving towards construction, so there's a good of example  
5 of that really as we speak.

6 AMY CUMMINGS: Thank you. And I just have two  
7 more cards, so if you do have another -- if you have a  
8 card, please raise your hand -- or another comment.  
9 These next two are design-related questions.

10 This is from John Roscoe. Would Alternative 2 and  
11 Alternative 4 both use frontage roads? And would there  
12 be a widening of the highway without frontages as another  
13 alternative, possibly a third alternative?

14 BRYAN GANT: Alternatives 2 and 4 do incorporate  
15 frontage roads. The key issue there is all the accesses  
16 along that section from around Golden View down all the  
17 way up to Disc. As you know, that's a pretty -- pretty  
18 built-up area, a lot of commercial access so the frontage  
19 roads are key for making that work.

20 If I understand the second half of that question,  
21 could you just widen it a little bit more and not need  
22 the frontage roads? It's really an operational issue.  
23 In ordered to achieve the capacity that a freeway is  
24 designed to achieve, you have to limit the access points.  
25 It's kind of the whole point behind a freeway design so

1 you wouldn't really be able to get rid of the frontage  
2 roads.

3 We did look at an option that had different  
4 interchange configurations, additional interchanges, and  
5 there was really no savings in terms of impacts to  
6 properties and would actually operate not as well. So  
7 the full frontage road option is the one that has moved  
8 forward and is shown in both Alternative 2 and 4.

9 AMY CUMMINGS: Thank you. And this is the last  
10 question that I have, it's a drainage-related question  
11 from George Wagner asking: Options 2 and 3, the Ridge  
12 and Off-Alignment for Pyramid, show significant drainage  
13 that directly impacts properties along Pyramid Highway.  
14 Are there options regarding the placement of this  
15 drainage?

16 BRYAN GANT: I was afraid we were going to get a  
17 drainage question. There are some options to move the  
18 drainage around a little bit but not a whole lot. And,  
19 unfortunately, I don't have the background to tell you  
20 exactly at all details behind that but we have been  
21 working with our hydrology engineers previously and asked  
22 them the same questions.

23 There's not a whole lot of opportunity because  
24 they're specific with respect to the design of those,  
25 including even the shape of what some of those basins

1 look like that affect their functionality. And so  
2 there's a little bit of play in there moving forward into  
3 design, I'm not sure if there's a complete change of  
4 picture that would be available here.

5 And if you want more details, I'd be happy to talk  
6 to our engineer and get you a better answer.

7 AMY CUMMINGS: Thank you so much. I want to again  
8 express how much we at RTC appreciate your taking time  
9 out of your day to come and talk to us, give us your  
10 ideas and learn more about the project.

11 We're going to be on hand to talk with you one on  
12 one at the stations at the back of the room here, so  
13 please feel free to stay.

14 Michael, do you have another --

15 MICHAEL MORENO: I do. We do have a court  
16 reporter here this evening who is taking minutes for the  
17 presentation we just gave. If you wanted to take the  
18 opportunity to come up and share your comments with her  
19 about the project, your ideas, suggestions, concerns,  
20 whether you like the project or not, she's available to  
21 do that. We're here until 7:30 tonight.

22 So, again, as Amy indicated, and on behalf of Doug  
23 and Bryan, thank you all for coming very much.

24 Commissioner Webber, Commissioner Elect Hartung, thank  
25 you for spending some time with us this evening. Thank

1     you.

2             (At 6:15 p.m., public presentation concluded.)

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## **Appendix B: Public Involvement**

### **Small Group Meetings**

## Meeting Brief

<b>Date / Time:</b>	October 19, 2009 / 2:30pm
<b>Location:</b>	RTC Engineering Conference Room
<b>Participants:</b>	Doug Maloy, RTC Bryan Gant, Jacobs David Reese, rep. Iractabal Family Kraig Knudsen, rep. Tanamera LLC

### Summary Details:

- A brief project overview was provided; however, the focus of the discussion was on Disc Drive and what it may convert to: a six-lane arterial with minimal signals and right-in/right-out accesses.
- Mr. Knudsen questioned the status of a new connection to Vista via the Wedekind Park property. He indicated that during the development of the properties he represents and the Disc Drive extension from Sparks Blvd. to Pyramid that the connector would be along the power line corridor and the traffic volumes and access on Disc Drive wouldn't have to accommodate a connection to US 395. It was explained that an alignment through Wedekind Park along the power line corridor was not being considered at this time since the property had been designated a Section 4(f) resource per FHWA. Therefore, if it could be proven that Disc Drive was a prudent and feasible alternative then a new connection could not be approved.
- Mr. Reese expressed great concern over the impacts the proposed project would have on the family's business. He too was informed that the connector would follow the power line corridor and was very disappointed that preserving that property which is unkept and attracts nuisances is being considered. He felt that the family worked diligently to come to an agreement on developing existing Disc Drive and that having to work with an expanded facility with more traffic was too much.
- Mr. Knudsen expressed concern on the impacts to access to both the residential and commercial properties along Disc Drive that were developed by Tanamera. The need to limit access points to major intersections and right-in/right-outs would have a major impact on Tanamara's interests.
- Both Mr. Knudsen and Mr. Reese expressed disapproval for the proposed plan and vowed to fight the project however possible.
- Right-of-entry for field investigations was denied by both property owners.

### Action Items:

- Mr. Reese received a copy of the conceptual Disc Drive widening. Both asked to receive other plan information. Doug indicated that we are in the process of determining how to provide that type of information to stakeholders and the public.

## Meeting Brief

<b>Date / Time:</b>	November 12, 2009 / 10:00am
<b>Location:</b>	Redhawk Administration Offices, Wingfield Springs, NV
<b>Participants:</b>	Doug Maloy, RTC Bryan Gant, Jacobs David Dodson, CH2MHill Harvey Whittemore, Wingfield Nevada Group Scott Whittemore, Wingfield Nevada Group Andrew Durling, Wood Rodgers Garrett Gordon, Lewis & Roca LLP

### Summary Details:

- A brief project overview was provided describing the project concept and the various alternatives.
- Wingfield Nevada Group (WNG) shared a plan of the proposed Lazy 8 Casino land plan. The latest plan is very similar to that shown in the approved handbook with some small refinements. They are currently moving toward initiating entitlement / approval process with the City of Sparks and NDOT.
- A copy of the conceptual Pyramid Freeway alternative which included an interchange at Delores was shown to the group. The primary area of concern for WNG is the potential impact any alternatives may have on Lazy 8 parking and the circulation to their main entrance. Of particular concern would be an alternative with an interchange at Delores given the potential footprint that ramps and frontage roads would create. WNG would like to be able to disclose the potential impacts during the entitlement process on parking counts moving forward, although this would require further refinement of the project alternatives. Harvey Whittemore directed the other WNG representatives to address this potential issue in the development handbook. He also asked about possible right of way acquisition through dedication and receipt of credits from the RTC. Doug indicated that this stage of the EIS is conceptual and no right of way acquisition would occur prior to a record of decision from FHWA.
- The latest timing on development and completion of Lazy 8 is 2-3 years. There is outstanding litigation to be completed that may affect that timeframe. Bryan explained that the EIS process eventually leading up to construction of a preferred alternative would likely result in construction no sooner than 2018 depending on phasing.
- WNG also owns the parcel to the north of the planned Steamboat Parkway (easterly extension of Dolores), although there are no finite plans for developing that parcel yet.
- Mr. Gordon acknowledged that he also represents Stonebrooke and the park property on the southeast quadrant of the Pyramid Highway/La Posada intersection that the County currently owns but is in the process relinquishing and reverting ownership back to the previous owner, David Frear.
- Although Right-of-entry permits were sent to contact information for these parcels it was unclear as to who may have received them. Doug said that initial contact was from Carlos

Vasquez who has represented WNG in the past. ROE permits will be reissued to Scott Whittemore.

- Scott Whittemore is the primary contact for WNG.
- **Action Items:** WNG to send electronic files and a copy of the latest handbook to RTC.
- Doug to forward ROE permits to Scott Whittemore for approval.
- Following RTC approval process conceptual plan information may be made available to WNG.

## Meeting Minutes

**Project:** Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection

**Purpose:** DRI Master Plan / U.S. 395 Connector Project Coordination

**Date Held:** January 12, 2010

**Location:** RTC Washoe  
1105 Terminal Way, Reno, NV

**Attendees:** **RTC:** Doug Maloy  
**Jacobs:** Bryan Gant, Chris Martinovich  
**DRI:** Peter Ross, Jeff Picket  
**Fehr & Peers:** Loren Chilson, Katy Cole  
**Wood Rodgers:** Melissa Lindell

**Copies:** Project File # 241922 / 550

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## Summary of Discussion:

### 1. Project Coordination

- The Desert Research Institute (DRI) is currently developing a master plan for a future research park. As part of this plan, the consulting firms of Wood Rodgers, Fehr & Peers and Sasaki have been contracted. The planned research park lies mainly south and along Raggio Pkwy with other parcels spread around to both the east and north of TMCC.
- As part of this future facility, DRI has coordinated several agencies and groups to facilitate master plan development. Some of these include:
  - The Federal Government.
  - Community groups and organizations.
  - Various private companies.
  - University of Nevada system.
- DRI detailed the process by which the research park has been developing and the process by which land was obtained. Generally, the Federal Government with help from Nevada's congressional delegation was able to secure the land by a Federal Conveyance Act, and by other various means, for the goal of bringing research as well as economic diversity to the region. Prior to the Federal Conveyance Act, the land was obtained from the BLM through a R&PP agreement.
  - Should the land be sold, the transaction amount would revert to the treasury department because any other use of park land would violate the terms of the Federal Conveyance Act.
- Wood Rodgers is putting the master plan together. They plan to have it finalized by June per requirements of their grant.

- Doug Maloy of RTC described the history of the connector project and proceeded to update the group on current project status and where it is heading.
- Bryan Gant of Jacobs updated the status on alignment alternatives and the NEPA screening process.

## 2. Concerns, Questions & General Discussion

- The major concern for DRI is the loss of park land associated with a South of Parr alignment. It was discussed that should this alignment be selected, the research park is basically non-existent.
  - Other concerns with a South of Parr alignment could potentially include:
    - Loss of land for development.
    - Economic Impact: DRI has projected figures of potential revenue benefits to the region and what it could mean if the research park is lost.
    - Could impact NOAA and their weather balloon program.
  - The question DRI had was what could be done to eliminate the South of Parr alignment. It was discussed that a letter formalizing these discussions as well as documenting the loss of research development land and economic benefits should be included.
  - The At-Parr Interchange and northern alignment is preferred by the DRI. The biggest concern with this potential alignment is the use of Dandini Drive and Raggio Parkway. DRI prefers, and would request that Raggio Pkwy become the main access to not only the research park but also to TMCC on both the west and east sides of the site.
  - The location of a future W. Sun Valley Arterial alignment was discussed. DRI would prefer to have this alignment utilize existing Raggio Pkwy along the eastern side of TMCC. Then, the alignment would break from this location and continue straight to a connection with Sutro. This would provide access to the southern parcels of the research park. It was requested that this be evaluated as a possible alternative for the W. Sun Valley Arterial Alignment.
    - It should be noted that the actual location of any W. Sun Valley alignment east and south of TMCC is still being evaluated by Wood Rodgers and their team.
    - Three options were discussed and distributed at the meeting.
    - W. Sun Valley alignment could be impacted by NOAA and the proximity to the weather station.
  - From the discussion, the Jacobs team will continue to evaluate the potential alternatives for connections between the connector and a Raggio / W. Sun Valley alignment.
  - A question was raised on impact of an active NEPA draft document occurring near or at the same location as the master plan development. From DRI's prospective, they have to assume the northern alignment will be carried forward. The southern Parr interchange seriously impacts the park thus negating the need for a master plan.
  - Current Design options for all the firms involved were viewed, discussed, and exchanged.
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## Meeting Minutes

**Project:** Pyramid Freeway / US 395 Connector EIS

**Purpose:** Truckee Meadows Community College / Washoe County Sheriff Information

**Date Held:** February 12, 2010

**Location:** NDOT 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
1263 S. Stewart Street  
Carson City, NV 89712

**Attendees:** **NDOT:** Phil Slagel  
**WCSO:** Frank Schumann, Kevin Eikleberry  
**TMCC:** Christopher Rossi, Dave Roberts  
**Jacobs:** Bryan Gant

**Copies:** Project File # 241922 / 550

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## Summary of Discussion:

### 1. Project Overview

- The project is being led by the Washoe RTC with the participation of NDOT and FHWA as the lead agency under NEPA. The project is approximately 2 years into an overall 5 year process.
- The project was identified as part of the 2001 Pyramid Corridor Master Plan and included in RTC's Regional Transportation Plan. Beginning in 2008, federal funds were encumbered and the NEPA process initiated for the Pyramid Freeway and US 395 Connector portions of the original master plan. The third component of the master plan, the West Sun Valley arterial, is also in the Regional Transportation Plan but not being advanced as part of this effort.
- An overview of the process to date was described with the original master plan concepts having been reconsidered and the Pyramid Freeway and US 395 Connector concept advancing as a result of this screening process.
- An overview of the alternatives within the Pyramid Freeway / US 395 Connector concept from north to south was given as follows:
  - The north end alternatives focus on where to transition from the existing principle arterial to the higher order freeway. Initial indications are that the Eagle Canyon / La Posada interchange would be the appropriate location. Also at the north end, interchange combination for Dolores Drive and Eagle Canyon / La Posada are being considered. There are approximately 6-8 concepts being analyzed.
  - The section between Lazy 5 Parkway and Sparks Boulevard consists of a split diamond configuration. This configuration was identified and analyzed under a previous assignment to a more detailed level than the rest of the project. Therefore, the recommendations of that assignment are being carried forward.

- For the section south of Sparks Boulevard, we are considering both an on-alignment and off-alignment alternatives. The on-alignment uses the existing Pyramid Highway corridor with frontage roads and interchanges at Golden View, Los Altos, and Disc Drive. The off-alignment would create a new facility to the west, behind the existing Wal-Mart and below the ridge-line with an interchange at an extension of Disc Drive.
- Disc Drive is currently believed to be the beginning of the east-west connector. Disc Drive would be improved to a 6-lane arterial section from the freeway to Vista Boulevard.
- There are two crossing locations being considered for Sun Valley. The first is just north of the Dandini / El Rancho intersection and the other is along the existing east-west power corridor. Interchange options are being considered at Sun Valley Boulevard and west of the Sun Valley community.
- Two system interchange options exist at US 395. The first is south of Parr Boulevard and TMCC. The second is north of TMCC at the existing Parr Boulevard interchange. Both options would require improvements to the Parr Boulevard interchange and US 395.

## 2. Concerns, Questions & General Discussion

- There is some concern on behalf of the WCSO with respect to direct connection to Pyramid between Dolores Drive and Eagle Canyon. Any impacts that require major out-of-direction and circuitous travel would be problematic. Frontage roads with direct access connections are preferred.
- The comment was made to ensure that future developments are considered when planning access, impacts, traffic demand, etc. Examples include Stonebrooke, Kiley Ranch, and Lazy 8 Casino.
- In the hills between the Pyramid corridor and Sun Valley community, ATV use has been a concern. These hills are used for ATV recreation, dumping, and shooting. A side benefit of a new facility through the hills could be discouragement of these activities.
- The primary concern of both WCSO and TMCC is the impacts to US 395 and the Parr Interchange. Capacity is a problem at the existing Parr exit ramps, particularly the northbound exit. Back-ups occur during class shifts. Capacity on US 395 in the southbound direction is a problem with queues extending from the Spaghetti Bowl to the Parr interchange. Any additional traffic from the proposed US 395 Connector will need to consider capacity on US 395. In addition, WCSO and TMCC feel strongly that the Parr Interchange should be a first phase of work or a sooner, standalone project.
- NDOT has completed a signal warrant analysis for the Parr interchange. Some movements do meet warrants; however, the roundabout at Dandini and Spectrum does not allow for proper transition into a signalized intersection. As an indication of the congestion, traffic heading northbound to westbound is turning east, going 360 degrees through the roundabout, and heading westbound. Both TMCC and WCSO would like to see something done to alleviate the recurring congestion at the ramp terminals.
- TMCC inquired about whether noise and vibration impacts would be analyzed. Noise will be analyzed as part of the study; however, only some commercial uses qualify for noise analysis. It was unknown whether an academic facility would qualify. **Action Item:** review noise criteria regarding academic facilities.
- The group agreed that a meeting prior to publishing the draft environmental document is warranted to discuss the updated analysis and recommendations.
- WCSO and TMCC also noted a sight-distance concern with the guardrail assembly on the southeast quadrant of the Parr interchange.
- The WCSO, TMCC, and reportedly DRI prefer the At-Parr Interchange options at US 395.



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**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**2:00 P.M., Monday, April 11, 2011**  
**City Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada**

**1. \*Call to Order** (Time: 2:02:21 p.m.)

The regular meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Mayor Geno Martini at 2:02 p.m.

**2. \*Roll Call** (Time: 2:02:27 p.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini, City Clerk Linda Patterson, Council Members Julia Ratti (2:10) Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, Mike Carrigan, Ron Schmitt, City Manager Shaun Carey, City Attorney Chet Adams, PRESENT.

Staff Present: Bob King, Neil Krutz, Andy Flock, Andre Stigall, Jim Herman, Michelle Peltier, Rick Darby, Steve Keefer, Chris Syverson, Shauna Nelson, Steve Driscoll, Jeff Cronk, Nancy Owens, Adam Mayberry, Joe Grogan.

**Invocation Speaker:** (Time: 2:02:46 p.m.)

Dr. Tom Butler was unable to give the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance** (Time: 2:02:52 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ed Lawson.

**\*Comments from the Public** (Time: 2:03:39 p.m.)

None.

**Approval of the Agenda** (Time: 2:03:47 p.m.)

Consideration of taking items out of sequence, deleting items and adding items which require action upon a finding that an emergency exists.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the agenda as posted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

**3. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of:**

**Regular Meeting of March 28, 2011** (Time: 2:04:25 p.m.)

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2011. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

**4. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest:**

**4.1 Proclamation – Public Safety Telecommunications Week** (Time: 2:05:07p.m.)

Mayor Martini read a proclamation naming April 10-16, 2011, as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in recognition of our Public Safety Dispatchers. The proclamation was accepted by Nancy Owens, Communications Supervisor.

## **Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2011**

**Proclamation – National Crime Victims Rights Week** (Not on the Agenda) (Time: 2:08:08 p.m.)

Mayor Martini read a proclamation naming April 10-16, 2011, as National Crime Victims Rights Week in recognition of those who are committed to helping victims of crime to rebuild their lives. The proclamation was accepted by Pamela Brooks.

### **4.2 Presentation of the Pyramid Way/US 395 Connector Project and the Pyramid Way/McCarran Blvd. Intersection Improvements Project** (Time: 2:11:02 p.m.)

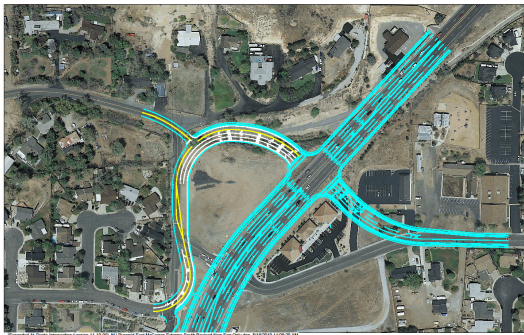
Mr. Lee Gibson of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) provided an update on all the Pyramid Corridor projects that they have underway and specifically the Pyramid/McCarran Intersection project, as outlined below:

Pyramid Corridor Projects Update to Sparks City Council--April 11, 2011

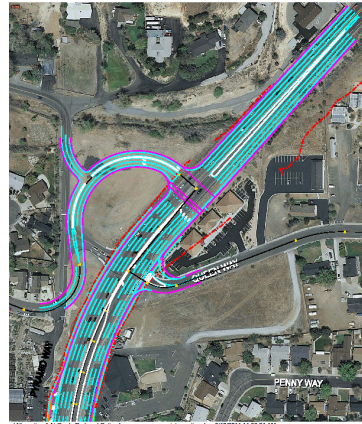
- Regional Initiatives
  - Address regional mobility, safety and accessibility needs
  - Major transportation improvements:
    - Pyramid/McCarran Intersection
    - Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection
    - Southeast Connector
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Prater Way Corridor Study
    - Oddie Boulevard Corridor Study
- Pyramid/McCarran EIS Community Outreach
- Stakeholder meetings
  - Residents & business owners
  - Neighborhoods
  - Community Open Houses
  - Local jurisdictions and elected leaders
- We are here to “LISTEN”
- What did we learn?
  - Citizens thankful we’re listening/using their input
  - Building a better project
  - Promoting consensus
- Pyramid/McCarran New Intersection Configuration
  - Dedicated right turn lane for peak A.M. traffic
  - Six through-lanes on Pyramid Way
  - Triple left turn lanes for peak P.M. traffic
  - Dedicated westbound right turn lane
  - Complete Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities through-out
  - New lane additions

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- Queen/Farr/Wedekind Concept 1



- Queen/Farr/Wedekind Concept 2



- Pyramid/McCarran EIS Next Steps
  - Environmental Studies now underway
  - Complete Draft Environmental Report (Fall 2011)
  - Obtain FHWA Record of Decision (Winter 2012)
  - Final Design & ROW Acquisition (Winter 2014)
  - Begin Construction (Spring 2015)
- Pyramid Hwy/US 395 Connection EIS
- Project History
  - 1998 – RTC/Washoe Co. Commissioners and Sparks City Council request study of Pyramid Hwy/Sun Valley Corridors
  - 1999 – RTC conducts Pyramid Hwy Corridor Management Plan (PHCMP)
  - 2001 – RTC incorporates findings of PHCMP in 2030 RTP
  - 2004 – 2030 RTP updated/reaffirms PHCMP
  - 2005 – Washoe Co. Planning Commission and BOC update and approve Sun Valley Area Plan and WC LUTE
  - 2005 – Project EIS Kickoff
  - 2007/2008 – RTC completes update to 2030 RTP; reaffirms long-range plan and reclassifies Westside Sun Valley Freeway as an arterial
  - 2010 – All 3 roadways from original 2001 PHCMP remain in the RTP
- Alternatives Moving Forward
  - Potential Pyramid Corridor Alignments
  - Potential Pyramid Corridor North End Interchanges
  - Potential Sun Valley Northerly Crossings and Interchange Configurations
  - Potential Sun Valley Southerly Crossings and Interchange Configurations
  - Potential US 395 at Parr Interchange
- Pyramid Hwy/US 395 Connection EIS
  - Community Outreach
  - Stakeholder meetings
    - Residents & business owners
    - Church & community organizations
    - Community Open House
    - Local jurisdictions and elected leaders
  - We are here to “LISTEN”
    - What did we learn?

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- Citizens thankful we're
  - asking for input and
  - documenting their concerns
  - Not as much opposition
  - Good & positive feedback
- Pyramid Hwy/US 395 EIS Next Steps
  - Complete Alternative Screening (2011)
  - Complete Draft Environmental Report (2012)
  - Final EIS (2013)
  - Obtain FHWA Record of Decision (2014)
  - Begin Final Design & ROW Acquisition (2015/2017)
  - Begin Construction of Initial Segments (2018-2020)
  - Questions & Comments
    - Scott Gibson, RTC Project Manager Pyramid/McCarran Intersection EIS
    - sgibson@rtcwashoe.com / 335-1874
    - Doug Maloy, RTC Project Manager
    - Pyramid Hwy/US 395 Connection EIS
    - dmaloy@rtcwashoe.com / 335-1865

### **4.3 Presentation on the Flashing Yellow Arrow Signal (Time: 2:25:57 p.m.)**

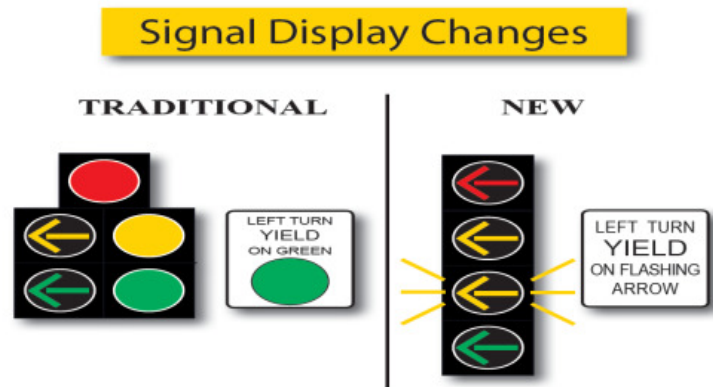
Transportation Services Manager Jim Herman gave a presentation on the Flashing Yellow Arrow Signal program as outlined below:

#### **Flashing Yellow Arrow--Left Turn Traffic Signals**

- Background
  - Created in Reno – 1989
  - Extensive nationwide evaluation and expert review by Transportation Research Board
    - Version tested in Sparks in 2002
  - Approved by FHWA and included in 2009 MUTCD
  - NDOT safety funds used for current project
    - Partners: Sparks, NDOT, RTC, Reno, Carson City, Washoe County, Douglas County
- Reasons for Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA)
  - Safety
    - Drivers less likely to “cut in front” of other cars or pedestrians
  - Efficiency
    - If few left turners, green arrow sometimes not needed
    - Green arrow can “flush” left turn lane if needed
    - Green arrow can go first or last for more efficiency in signal coordination
    - FYA can be used by time of day

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- How It Works



- What's Next
  - NDOT Phase 1 project completed by summer 2011
  - RTC reviewing protected-only left turns (red arrow), change to FYA
    - 25 intersections under consideration
    - Expected construction Fall 2011
  - NDOT Phase 2 project – in design, construction not yet scheduled
    - Intersections that require more work – new poles, arms, etc.

#### **4.4 Presentation on the Sparks Fire Department Project SAFE Residential Smoke Alarm Program (Time: 2:36:24 p.m.)**

Fire Marshall Bob King and Fire Prevention Inspector Michelle Peltier provided an update on the Project SAFE program as outlined below:

#### **RESIDENTIAL SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM--March 05, 2010 – Present--Impact and Future Services**

- Initial Goal
  - to reduce injury and loss of life from fire by providing 1,000 smoke alarms & educating residents about fire safety in 250 homes
- RESULTS
  - Provided:
    - 921 smoke alarms with ten-year batteries
    - 120 batteries
    - 12 kits for the hearing impaired
    - Fire-safety education for 298 homes
      - Over 1,000 people
    - Media, including Spotlight on Sparks, reaches indeterminate number of people
  - Does Project SAFE Make a Difference?
    - Only 6 of every 10 homes visited had at least one working alarm
      - 8 out of 10 had an alarm
    - 62% of the homes with at least one working alarm needed replacements because theirs were over 10 years old
      - 10-year old alarms do not detect smoke more than half the time
    - Over 83% of the homes with working smoke alarms needed more alarms
      - Needed in all sleeping rooms, hallways, and on each level of the home
    - Safety education has reached many more

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- Other citizens, surrounding communities, and volunteers are:
    - Testing their own alarms
    - Practicing escape plans
    - Implementing other fire-safety measures at home
  - Residents just as appreciative of the safety education as they are of the alarms
- **THANK YOU'S**
  - Community Volunteers
    - George Graham: Sparks Housing Rehabilitation Program
    - Reel Construction
    - Gloria Palma
    - Jessica Moore
    - Ed Harney
    - Fire Tech Students (Through TMCC)
    - BBQ House & Gather at Home Catering
- **COMMUNITY ACCOLADES**
  - “They knocked on my door. Thank God. What a wonderful program. Now I feel safe and protected. Thank you.”
  - “This is absolutely the best program the fire department has done for members of this community.”
  - “This project will save many lives. It will help low-income seniors live safe.”
  - “Very professional people. Would highly recommend...Friendly and thoughtful throughout.”
- **FUTURE PLANS**
  - Ongoing Public Service Announcements
    - Media, Websites, Community Partners
  - Grant Application
    - Smoke & CO alarms with Education
    - Sign Boards with seasonal safety tips
  - Golf Tournament:
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Project SAFE—July 30, 2011
- **JOIN US**
  - 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Golf Tournament
    - D’Andrea Golf Course—Sparks--July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 2:00 PM
    - Early registrations receive 5% discount
  - Sponsorship Opportunities
    - Platinum: \$600 Hole sponsorship; 4 golfers; Name on banner, web site, newspaper
    - Gold: \$450 Hole sponsorship; 2 golfers; Name on banner, web site, newspaper
    - Silver: \$150 Hole Sponsorship
    - Raffle/Silent Auction Prize Donations Needed
  - Scramble Shotgun Start: 4-Person Teams
  - Team Photo, Dinner, Hole Prizes, Raffle, Silent Auction, Awards

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### **5. Consent Items:** (Time: 2:50:34 p.m.)

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to approve Consent Item 5.1. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

#### **5.1 Report of Claims and Bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period March 10, 2011 through March 23, 2011**

An agenda item from Finance Director Jeff Cronk recommending approval of the Report of Claims and Bills as outlined.

### **6. General Business:**

#### **6.1 Consideration and possible acceptance of a grant from The Nell J. Redfield Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 for the Sparks Parks and Recreation Department to continue various programming in 2011** (Time: 2:51:36 p.m.)

Recreation Supervisor Shauna Nelson noted that the Nell J. Redfield Foundation has once again provided a grant so that the Sparks Parks and Recreation Department can continue to run the Nell J. Redfield Neighborhood Playground and Leisure without Limits Programs.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to accept a \$30,000.00 donation from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

#### **6.2 Consideration and possible acceptance of the Recreational Trails Program Project Agreement between the City of Sparks and the State of Nevada, Division of State Parks** (Time: 2:53:57 p.m.)

Parks Development and Operations Manager Rick Darby noted staff applied for this grant in September of 2010 for the Wedekind Regional Park Trailhead and Trail System, Phase I Project. He noted that this is a matching grant and the City's share will be \$17,925.00. He stated this grant will provide rehabilitation of trails and create two shaded seating areas at two hilltop viewpoints. It will also provide revegetation of 3 acres of previously disturbed open space; the purchase and installation of split rail fencing; installation of maps at trailheads; development of trailhead parking; and purchase and installation of directional, educational, and trail signage.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the Recreational Trails Program Project Agreement with the State of Nevada, Division of State Parks. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

#### **6.3 Consideration and possible approval of naming of one park** (Time: 2:55:37 p.m.)

Parks Development and Operations Manager Rick Darby stated the City of Sparks Park Naming Committee is recommending the name Wedekind Regional Park for the new park located north of Queen Way and east of the Pyramid Highway.

A motion was made by Council Member Schmitt, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to approve the name Wedekind Regional Park for the new park located north of Queen Way and



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east of the Pyramid Highway. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

### **6.4 Consideration and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation for the proposed improvements along the Nugget Avenue off-ramp between Rock Boulevard and 14<sup>th</sup> Street (Time: 2:57:09 p.m.)**

Transportation Manager Jon Ericson stated the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) has developed improvement plans for the addition of a round-a-bout located adjacent to the existing driveway entering the parking area on the north side of the Nugget Avenue ramp. The improvements will provide improved access to the parking area from 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Two-way traffic will be permitted between 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the proposed round-a-bout, along Nugget Avenue. This will provide better ingress and egress for downtown special events. NDOT has agreed to fund 100% of the proposed project costs.

Mr. Ericson noted that the City of Sparks requested decorative lighting to enhance the attractiveness of the proposed project. The lights will be identical to the LED fixtures along E. Victorian Avenue. NDOT is reluctant to maintain these types of lights, but would be agreeable to the request if the City agrees to maintain the fixtures. To expedite the construction schedule, NDOT has requested that the City purchase the light fixtures and NDOT will reimburse the City for the cost of the four decorative lights and supplying the City with two additional poles and fixtures for future maintenance purposes.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve an interlocal agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation for the proposed improvements along the Nugget Avenue off-ramp between Rock Boulevard and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

### **6.5 Consideration and possible direction to City Staff regarding an appeal by Galleria Station, LLC, of staff's decision to require performance bonds for infrastructure required to support the Galleria Station project (Time: 3:01:58 p.m.)**

Community Services Director Neil Krutz noted that Galleria Station, LLC is the developer of the Casoleil condominium project. This is a 270 unit project that was first entitled in 2005 and is partially constructed. When the City grants entitlements it requires that bonds be posted for the public infrastructure for the project. This provides some surety that the infrastructure will be in place when the project is finished. Per our City code that work is required to be done within a 24 month period. Given the state of the economy, we have not looked into requiring that everything be done within this 24 month period, but we have asked the development community, when they are in a situation where they have received the entitlement in terms of final map lots and the infrastructure is in some state of completion, to keep the bonds in place so the City does have a surety that the infrastructure will: a) be completed, or b) that the City would have the opportunity to complete the work ourselves.

Mr. Krutz stated the developer is now looking for a way to remove the bonding requirements because it places a cash-flow burden upon them. He stated he can certainly understand their

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position and they have asked us to consider placing a deed restriction to be placed on the property that would indicate that no additional permits or entitlements would be granted until such a time as the bonds were restored. The City Attorney's office reviewed this request and it has been determined that this is not an allowable alternative, per our City codes. Also, staff has reached the conclusion that this would potentially place the City at risk because if something happened and the deed restriction was missed when issuing an entitlement, the requirement to have the public infrastructure built would still be there, but the City would not have the ability, via a bond, to have that infrastructure completed.

He said staff looked a ways to meet the needs of the developer and satisfy the City codes. The Developer could revert the lots to acreage and follow this up immediately with a new tentative map. He stated that tentative maps can cost up to \$24,000 and reversion to acreage can cost \$14,000. Staff has offered to revert the lots to acreage and follow up with a new tentative map by taking the old tentative map and change the date and carry it forward through the process (Planning Commission and City Council approval) on a time and materials basis estimated to cost only \$2,000 to \$3,000. A Tentative Map would give them the same level of entitlement and carry it forward for four years and does not carry a bonding requirement with it. He said he believes this process would protect the City and relieve the bonding requirement.

Mr. Randy Walther, representing the applicant, stated performance bonds are established to ensure that the work is carried out within a 24 month period, but their situation now is totally different from when the bonds were procured and now they are just trying to find a solution.

Another representative of the developer stated they have made strong commitments to being part of Casoleil in the future and they understand there are limitations on what the City can and cannot do, but they are trying to find an alternative to going back through the process again, because there is the risk of having the entitlements changed. He said they felt that that the deed restriction was a reasonable alternative, because the required bonds cost their company \$15,000 or more per year and it limits the company's total bonding capacity. They are simply looking for a solution that will protect the interest of both parties without throwing money away for something that is likely not going to happen in the near future.

Council Member Smith said what the City is offering sounds like a good deal to him and he asked the developer why they did not feel it was a good solution. The response was that it was a matter of having to go back through the approval process again and the City is not the only entity which would have to approve the project again and there is a large fear factor that something might have to be changed to meet current laws (health codes, etc).

Council Member Carrigan stated this was a trust issue—the developer doesn't trust the City and the City doesn't trust that the developer will complete the project. Unfortunately the solution they are proposing is not something that the City is allowed to do.

Mayor Martini asked where the City would stand if the developer let the bonds lapse and walked away from the project. The response was that the City is the third party beneficiary of the bonds and if they let them lapse, the bond company would notify the City and hopefully allow us time to get our money from the bonds before they lapse. Mayor Martini said his main concern was

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that whatever solution was chosen, he did not want to put the City at any more risk that we are now for this project.

Council Member Smith suggested that this issue be continued to allow the developer to do some research on any requirements that may have changed since the project was approved and that might require changes to the entitlement if it went back through the approval process.

Council Member Schmitt asked if a letter or credit would be an appropriate alternative to the bond? Mr. Krutz responded yes, a letter of credit would be acceptable.

Council Member Schmitt said was in favor of continuing this item to allow the applicant time to come up with a solution.

A motion was made by Council Member Schmitt, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to continue this appeal to the May 9, 2011 City Council meeting. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

7. **Public Hearings and Action Items Unrelated to Planning and Zoning:** (Time: 3:23:45 p.m.)

None.

8. **Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items:** (Time: 3:23:45 p.m.)

None.

9. **Comments:**

9.1 **\*From the Council and City Manager**(Time: 3:23:45 p.m.)

Councilman Mike Carrigan asked about the legislative process. Mr. Carey advised that the City Council is provided with weekly reports.

Mr. Carey announced openings on the following boards and commissions: Two appointments to the Civil Service Commission for a 3-year term; Four appointments to the Advisory Committee for the Disabled for a 2-year term; Three appointments to the Park & Recreation Commission for a 3-year term; and One appointment to the Reno Tahoe Airport Authority Board of Trustees for a 4-year term. Applications will be accepted through the City Clerk's Office or on-line until April 22, 2011.

10. **\*Adjournment** (Time: 3:26:56 p.m.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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## **Appendix B: Public Involvement**

### **Sun Valley General Improvement District Meetings**



## Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2010

### **Board Members Present:**

Patricia Lancaster	Chairperson
John Jackson, Sr.	Vice-Chairperson
Margaret Reinhardt	Secretary
Linda Woodland	Treasurer
Robert Fink	Trustee

### **Board Members Not Present:**

### **Staff Present:**

Darrin Price	SVGID, General Manager
Mike Ariztia	SVGID, Public Works Director
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff
Stewart White	SVGID, Legal

### **Others Present:**

Barry Bouchard	NorthValley's.org
Jerry Payne	Audience
Warren Brighten	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
Susan Severt	Audience
Garth Elliott	Audience
Roger Edwards	Golden Valley's Landowners
Doug Maloy	Regional Transportation Commission
Bryan Gant	Jacobs Engineering
Rebecca Bruch	Erickson, Thorpe & Swainston, Ltd. (via: phone)

**The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Lancaster at 6:00 p.m. in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd, Sun Valley, NV.**

#### **Item#1. Approval of Agenda.**

*John Jackson, Sr. made a motion to approve the agenda. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **Item#2. Certify posting of agenda.**

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of agenda.

Robert Fink would like to see the Sun Valley Senior Center as a posting location for the District agendas.

**Item#3. Public comments for items not on the agenda.**

None

**Item#4. Discussion and motion of accounts payable for February 11, 2010.**

Treasurer Linda Woodland gave a brief report of the accounts payable for February 11, 2010.

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the accounts payable for February 11, 2010 in the total amount of \$100,336.25 dollars. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the customer refunds for February 11, 2010 in the total amount of \$914.29 dollars. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#5. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of January 26, 2010 workshop and January 28, 2010 regular meeting.**

*John Jackson, Sr. made a motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2010 workshop with the following correction; Item 6 delete "as the District's representative". Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 2010 regular meeting with the following correction; Item 21 change "87:10" to "8:10". John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#6. Presentation by Roger Edwards regarding composting program in Golden Valley.**

Roger Edwards with Golden Valley Property Owners reported he has been working for the past several years on a composting pilot project. Roger has worked with Washoe County Parks Department and Health Department regarding some of the compliance requirements. With the assistance of Commissioner Weber and Commissioner Jung he has received the approval from Washoe County Health Department to move forward with a composting pilot project. Roger reported the purpose of the composting pilot project is to reduce the amount of trash being taken to the landfill and reduce the amount of illegal dumping. The project will be run by several Golden Valley property owners on a volunteer basis. The location of the project will be at the Horseman's Park in Golden Valley. Washoe County Parks department are in support of the program and will allow for them to use portions of the park for the site. The site will be enclosed in a 12x60 privacy fence and open on weekends only. They are restricted by the Washoe County Health Department to what kind of trash they can accept and will be accepting materials such as manure, grass clippings, and other landscaping materials. Since it is a pilot project there is no fee to those who provide materials and in exchange they will receive free compost once it is ready for disbursement. Roger commented he knows several members of the Sun Valley community are interested in starting a compost program too, he would be more than happy to assist with the creation of a composting site in Sun Valley and eventually become partners to help make both sites a success.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if his program is restricted to accepting yard clippings from Golden Valley residents only or is open to others.

Roger commented it is not restricted. It is open to anyone who needs to remove manure from their property and/or removal of landscaping materials. The City of

Sparks, City of Reno, and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful have all agreed to participate with the program as well.

Patricia Lancaster thanked Roger for his time sharing his program and offering to work with the Sun Valley Community building their own composting program.

**Item#7. Presentation by Doug Maloy with RTC regarding future road improvements within Sun Valley.**

Doug Maloy with Regional Transportation Commission and Bryan Gant with JACOBS Engineering both gave a presentation regarding the proposed Pyramid Highway US 395 Connection. The purpose of the presentation was to provide different options under consideration to alleviate existing and future traffic generated from growth in the Sparks, Spanish Springs and beyond. The proposed examples include Pyramid Highway improvements, interchange options, and east-west Pyramid to 395 connections. These proposed improvements and interchange options are still being studied at this time. The proposed Pyramid Highway US 395 Connection is designed to go through the south end of Sun Valley in the vicinity of Rampion Way and the intersection of Sun Valley Boulevard and Dandini Boulevard. The proposed project schedule; Develop and evaluate alternative 2009 – 2010, Draft environmental impact statements 2010 – 2011, Final environmental impact statements, Record of decision 2012, Construction start date 2018.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if the new highway connection would alleviate congestion on Sun Valley Boulevard.

Grant reported the purpose of the new highway connection is to allow more access for commuters to travel between the different valleys and help with the commuters traveling from the north to the south. It is unclear how much congestion it would alleviate from the Sun Valley Boulevard.

Robert Fink suggested instead of impacting some of the residential areas, they should considering developing a road north of Sun Valley connecting to US 395.

Grant reported there is a separate project known as the Sun Valley Arterial that is currently under study.

Several board members and audience members expressed their concerns on the impacts to the 30+ residents, the modeling designs, and cost of the Pyramid Highway US 396 Connection.

**Item#8. Public Relations review of Spring PipeLine Newsletter.**

Darrin Price provided a draft outline of the spring PipeLine for review. Darrin commented any changes or corrections need to be submitted to Jennifer Merritt no later than February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Patricia Lancaster requested a small article encouraging the Sun Valley Community to get involved at upcoming Regional Transportation Commission Workshops regarding the proposed Pyramid Highway US 395 Connection.

**Item#9. Discussion and motion to accept Ladera Ranch, LLC. donation of APN 502-700-05 as District property.**

Darrin Price reported he recently met with Chris Judson with Silver Star Communities. Chris commented the Ladera Ranch project is still on hold at this time due to the economy. During the meeting Chris offered a 43.85 acre parcel to the District. This particular parcel is designated as open space. When the Ladera Ranch project was approved, this parcel would have a sewer easement on it and the sewer easement was going to be used as a walking trail. Silver Star Communities would like to donate this particular parcel to the District at no charge and debt free of any liens or unpaid taxes.

Stewart White reported a Preliminary Report was performed in early 2009. Stewart suggested getting an updated Title report showing that the property is free and clear of any unpaid taxes and liens. Stewart commented he would draft a Gift Agreement that would reflect the environment study that was performed and easements that exist on the property.

John Jackson, Sr. commented the installation of the pedestrian trail also known as the District's sewer easement, was going to be installed by the developer. John wants to make sure that the installation of pedestrian trail is still the responsibility of the developer if the District should accept the donation.

*After some discussion Robert Fink made a motion to approve the donation of parcel 502-700-05, portion of the Ladera Ranch project, from Silver Star Communities subject to it being delivered free and clear of any unpaid taxes and liens, staff authorized to get an independent title report on the subject parcel, copies of any recorded easements, and authorize Stewart White to prepare a Gift Agreement and to do anything else as necessary. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#10. Discussion and motion to appoint Sun Valley GID representative and alternate for Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool & Public Agency Compensation Trust.**

Darrin Price reported the District needs to select a new representative for the Pool/Pact Board and an alternate. John Jackson, Sr. is the District's current alternate representative. The representative will become a member of the Pool/Pact Governing Board and would be required to attend board meetings, retreats, and other meetings and/or functions as needed.

*Linda Woodland made a motion to appoint Margaret Reinhardt as the District's representative for the Pool/Pact Governing Board. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Robert Fink made a motion to appoint John Jackson, Sr. as the District's alternate representative for the Pool/Pact Governing Board. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#11. Discussion and motion to approve Sun Valley GID staff to attend Nevada Rural Water Conference.**

Mike Ariztia requested permission to send District employees to the Nevada Rural Water Conference. The Conference is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup> in



Reno at the Grand Sierra Resort. Mike commented this conference is a necessity because it offers up to date technology technical sessions, testing preparation, and also offers educational credits for the operators that are required each year to maintain their grade certifications.

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve District staff and any board members, to attend the Nevada Rural Water Conference. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#12. Discussion and possible motion regarding purchase of a wood chipper and using Beautification funds for part time labor.**

Mike Ariztia commented he was requested by Patricia Lancaster to investigate the purchase of a wood chipper to help with clean ups. Mike reported he researched into several makes and models various sizes. A new heavy duty wood chipper cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 dollars and used cost between \$10,000 and \$30,000 dollars. Mike reported he spoke with Jennifer Budge with Washoe County Parks department and she commented that Washoe County and the Sierra Fire currently share a wood chipper. Jennifer suggested a possible partnership between the District and Washoe County regarding the use of the County's wood chipper during clean up days hosted by the District. Mike commented not knowing how big of branches people want to get rid of or how many clean up days, a smaller chipper cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000 dollars.

Robert Fink inquired the interest of a wood chipper.

Patricia Lancaster commented she would like it to be a part of the District's beautification during clean up days. Patricia commented to help keep expense cost down, she directed staff to work with Washoe County to see if they would partner with the District and provide their chipper during clean up days.

**Item#13. Discussion and possible motion to approve revised job descriptions for the General Manager, Public Works Director, and new Human Resource/Recreation/Office Lead position.**

Darrin Price provided revised job descriptions that include the boards' comments from the January workshop, for the General Manager, Public Works Director, and the new office supervisor position.

Patricia Lancaster requested "Assist with processing of parcel and subdivision maps and related forms" be deleted from secondary responsibilities of the Customer Service Supervisor job description.

John Jackson, Sr. requested removal of the Customer Service Supervisor giving "advice" on District personnel policies, procedures, and documents. John would like the language of the minimum requirements to be consistent with other job descriptions and recommended including, "equivalent combinations of education and experience".

*John Jackson, Sr. made a motion to approve revised job descriptions with tonight's additions for the General Manager, Public Works Director, and the Customer Service Supervisor. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.*

**Item#14. Discussion and motion regarding Sun Valley GID's Chain of Command.**

Darrin Price reported he modified the Chain of Command to show the title change of the Office Manager to the Customer Service Supervisor/HR.

Patricia Lancaster inquired if the Billing Representative has any authority over the Accounting Specialist position.

Darrin reported the positions below the new Customer Service Supervisor, have no authority over each other.

Linda Woodland recommended putting the Accounting Specialist position above the Billing Representative since accounting is responsible for billing practices and to eliminate any confusion down the road.

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the Sun Valley GID's Chain of Command as corrected. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

At 9:20 pm Darrin Price made a special request to have Rebecca Bruch to give a brief update on a claim.

Rebecca Bruch with Erickson, Thorpe & Swainston, Ltd. gave brief update on a claim that was filed by an ex-employee. The claim was negotiated and settled with a nuisance value of \$7,500 dollars. As part of the settle agreement, the ex-employee can not re-apply with the District in the future. Becky commented she never felt the District was at fault regarding this claim. Becky complimented Mike Ariztia and Darrin Price how they handled the situation with the employee, proper documentation, and following District procedure.

**Item#15. Update and discussion regarding activity of on-going commissions and committees.**

Darrin Price reported Truckee Meadows Water Authority is proposing a water rate increase. The proposed rate increase to the District is 4.44% for usage less than 29Mgal per month and a 5.05% for usage greater than 29Mgal per month. Darrin reported he will attend the upcoming TMWA board meeting to oppose and/or negotiate the rate increase. Darrin will update at the next meeting. Darrin also reported staff met with Washoe County Code enforcement regarding the process of notifying them of illegal units. The meeting helped streamline the reporting process.

**Item#16. Financial report by Bill Short.**

Darrin Price reported in Bill's absence the Department of Taxation has completed its review of the District's audit report and NO violations of stature and regulations were noted.

**Item#17. Legal report by Stewart White.**

Stewart White reported he is working on the revised agreement between the District and Washoe County regarding the Sun Valley pool and parks.

Margaret Reinhardt requested Stewart to make sure to include her suggested exit clause.

**Item#18. Field report by Mike Ariztia.**

Mike Ariztia reported 5081 Prosser Way has been rented out. He recently met with a Florsheim Homes who recently purchased some of the lots in the Sun Mesa Phase I development. They have potential plans to purchase the remaining undeveloped lots in Phase I and II for development. Mike also reported the Washoe County sidewalk project on east 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. has started installing culverts. Mike will be attending a preconstruction meeting on February 18, 2010 for the LDS Church on east 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Item#19. Managers report by Darrin Price.**

Darrin Price commented he attended the Washoe County Parks Commission meeting, before the Park Commission will approve the District's request, they would like to review the Agreement that Stewart is currently working on. The District has been rescheduled for March. Once the Park Commission approves the District's request, the District will formally go before the Washoe County Commission for final approval. Darrin provided an invite from NACO for an upcoming workshop regarding budget. The workshop is scheduled for February 22, 2010 at the Cooperative Extension facility. Darrin requested if any of the board members would like to attend to get with him so he could register them.

Margaret Reinhardt, Patricia Lancaster, and John Jackson, Sr. commented they would like to attend.

**Item#20. Public Comments.**

Garth Elliott commented he is working with Gary Schmidt trying to reduce property taxes for some property owners in Sun Valley. Garth also commented he is concerned with the upcoming budget cuts, that Sun Valley will be provided services on a reduced level.

Susan Severt reported there is a town hall meeting scheduled at the City of Reno on February 13, 2010 at 9 am.

**Item#21. Board Comments.**

None

**Item#22. Future agenda items.**

Patricia Lancaster requested to discuss the Sun Valley Community Garden at the next meeting.

**Item#23. Adjournment.**

*Linda Woodland made a motion to adjourn the meeting 9:45 pm. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*



## **Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2011**

### **Board Members Present:**

Margaret Reinhardt	Chairperson
Linda Woodland	Vice-Chair
Sandra Ainsworth	Secretary
Garth Elliott	Treasurer
Robert Fink	Trustee

### **Board Members Not Present:**

### **Staff Present:**

Darrin Price	SVGID, General Manager
Mike Ariztia	SVGID, Public Works Director
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff
Stewart White	SVGID, Legal
Bill Short	SVGID, CPA

### **Others Present:**

Jim Ainsworth	Audience
Leo Horishny	Audience
Marge Cutler	Audience
Chung Lee	Audience
Tom Noblett	Audience
Jerry Payne	Audience
Gary Schmidt	Audience
Susan Severt	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
Doug Maloy	Regional Transportation Commission
Deidre Kennelly	Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful
Warren Brighton	Chairman, Sun Valley CAB

**The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Reinhardt at 6:00p.m. in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd, Sun Valley, NV.**

#### **Item#1. Roll call and determination of a quorum.**

Roll call was taken by Chairperson Margaret Reinhardt and it was determined a quorum was present.

#### **Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Item#3. Motion to approve agenda.**

*Linda woodland made a motion to approve the agenda. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#4. Certify posting of agenda.**

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of agenda.

**Item#5. Public comments for items not on the agenda.**

Tom Noblett commented on RTC bus routes within Sun Valley. He also commented he is still collecting private donations for bingo prizes for the Sun Valley Senior Center.

Susan Severt commented she normally would organize a Valentine's Day Dance, but she would like to organize a Spring Break Dance instead.

Warren Brighton commented on Washoe County and their responsibility regarding the repairs to the Clock Tower. He also commented on a traffic light outage located at the intersection of Sun Valley Boulevard and El Rancho stop light. He has been waiting for Washoe County, City of Sparks, and even Sun Valley GID to report the light outage on the traffic signal. He finally called himself to have it fixed.

Leo Horishny commented that the City of Sparks has a section on their website that an individual can report on traffic lights. The City of Sparks is very responsive when a claim is filed regarding their traffic signals. Leo also commented that he is been riding his mountain bike on portions of the proposed Sun Valley Rim Trail. He thinks the trail will be a great place for other bikers to ride with great scenery but there will be some difficult areas that are for more advanced riders.

Gary Schmidt congratulated the new members to the District and the new officers. He also commented with the increase to the county population, Washoe County is eligible for seven commissioners. Gary encourages individuals to support getting the additional commissioners.

Garth Elliott commented he received an email regarding the City of Reno wanting to opt out of their share of costs for a underground power line.

**Item#6. Discussion and motion to approve payables and customer refunds from January 27, 2011.**

Treasurer Garth Elliott gave a brief report of the accounts payable for January 27, 2011.

*Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the accounts payable for January 27, 2011 in the total amount of \$102,884.01 dollars. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the customer refunds for January 27, 2011 in the total amount of \$870.39 dollars. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#7. Discussion and motion to approve minutes from January 13, 2011.**

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2011 with the following correction; page 5 item 11 correct spelling from "Elliot" to "Elliott" and change "negotiate" to "to look at other alternatives". Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#8. Discussion and motion to consider request from Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful for District's participation with the KTMB Annual Clean Up Day.**

Deidre Kennelly with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful requested for the District to consider contributing towards the Great Truckee Meadows Community Clean Up that is schedule for May 7, 2011. The contribution would be applied towards the two sites for Sun Valley and towards the ongoing programs such as the Open Space Program and the Illegal Dumping Task Force.

Darrin Price reported KTMB is requesting for the same contribution as last year that was \$5,000 dollars plus staff and equipment. The \$5,000 dollars has all ready been approved in the District's budget and would come from the Garbage Fund, and it would cost approximately and additional \$1,500 dollars for staff and equipment.

Audience member Susan Severt reported she recently went with District staff to evaluate the illegal dumpsites and reported there are two locations that need attention with the Chimney area as the primary site.

Darrin briefly went over the various levels of contributions and who are the major contributors with the Sun Valley GID being a contributor.

Robert Fink commented he does like how KTMB recognizes different levels of contributions and inquired if everyone is satisfied with the amount donated and how it is being used in Sun Valley.

Both Darrin and Susan commented the District's contribution is being utilized very well for the Sun Valley sites.

Garth Elliott inquired how to get AmeriCorps volunteers and assistants from BLM since majority of the area is BLM property to help keep costs down.

Audience member Leo Horishny commented the BLM staff participates with the clean up of other BLM areas, and he thinks if they are asked to assist with the BLM area in Sun Valley, they would assist.

*After some discussion Robert Fink made a motion to approve Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful request for a \$5,000 dollar contribution toward the Great Truckee Meadows Community Clean Up day including District staff and equipment. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;*

*Yea: Robert Fink, Linda Woodland, Sandy Ainsworth, Margaret Reinhardt  
Nay: Garth Elliott he can not support the amount because of the costs past on to District customers.*

Darrin reminded the board and audience members that the contribution funds do not come from water or sewer rates, the funds are the District's Garbage Franchise Fees from the District's Garbage Fund.

**Item#9. Discussion and motion to approve sending staff to Microsoft Access Basics and Intermediate class through the University of Nevada Reno Extended Studies.**

Darrin Price requested permission to send Carol Bratcher to an upcoming Microsoft Access Basics and Microsoft Access Intermediate class. Both classes will be held at the UNR, Redfield Campus. The total cost to the District is \$448.00, this covers registration, course material, and per-diem for each class.

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve staff attending the Microsoft Access Basics and Intermediate classes. Robert Fink seconded the motion.*

Garth Elliott inquired if Carol is handling that much database for the District.

Darrin commented the District does use databases all the time to create various reports which makes Microsoft Access very necessary.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#10. Discussion and motion to approve sending staff to CA-NV-AWWA Spring Conference.**

Mike Ariztia requested permission to send staff to the upcoming 2011 CA-NV-AWWA Spring Conference. The conference will be held in Long Beach, CA from March 28<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. The District has been an active member and has participated with CA-NV-AWWA for many years. The conference provides valuable training and resources for the water industry. It also allows staff to obtain the necessary Continuing Education Units (CEU) to renew certifications. The total cost to send three staff members to the conference is \$3,816.00 dollars, this includes registration, lodging, travel expenses, and per-diems. To help keep costs down, staff will drive to Long Beach, CA and stay at a less expensive hotel.

Garth Elliott inquired if the CA-NV-AWWA conference is the only place for District staff to obtain their required CEU's.

Mike commented they are one of them that offers CEU's, there are other opportunities to earn CEU's but a lot of them are out of the area. UNR Cooperative Extension offers half day courses that are eligible for CEU's. By attending the Conferences it allows staff to receive more CEU's than attending a half day class. It is also a great opportunity to network with other purveyors to see what the newer trends are.

Darrin Price reported the CA-NV-AWWA is the largest water organization on the west coast and they hold two conferences each year. He encouraged some of the trustees to take the opportunity to attend the conferences too, many elected official attend the conferences to learn more about the water industry and represent different committees. Darrin is a member on various committees.

Robert Fink commented he does not think the District should pay for a board member to attend a conference.

Garth Elliott commented he could support sending two staff members instead of three.

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve three staff members to attend the CA-NV-AWWA Conference. Sandy Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;*

*Yea: Linda Woodland, Sandy Ainsworth, Robert Fink, Margaret Reinhardt*

*Nay: Garth Elliott*

**Item#11. Discussion and motion to approve Stewart White's Legal Service Agreement.**

Postponed until next meeting.

**Item#12. Review and discussion of expenses for Fred Schmidt and Fred Hillerby services.**

Darrin Price provided a copy of both approved agreements for Fred Schmidt and Fred Hillerby for review purposes only.

Garth Elliott commented he would like to see reports given to the District from Fred Schmidt.

Darrin commented Fred Schmidt provides a summary report with each invoice. Darrin offered to provide copy of the reports to Garth.

**Item#13. HEARING for discussion and possible motion to consider request for annexation from Chung Lee and Javier Barajas for parcels 088-210-27, 088-201-28, and 088-210-29 located on Biller Lane and Quartz Lane.**

Stewart White commented he briefly reviewed the Annexation Application and there are minor corrections needed to the application prior to the board discussing the request. Stewart requested this item be postponed until the next board meeting so that the staff can correct the application and collect the proper signatures.

*Robert Fink made a motion to postpone the consideration of annexation until the next schedule board meeting on February 10, 2011. Sandy Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#14. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding potential changes to representation on the governing boards of the Regional Planning Governing Boar ("RPGB"). The Regional Transportation Commission ("RTC"), and the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC").**

Darrin Price reported there was not a lot of discussion regarding the potential changes of representation at the last Western Regional Water Commission because of the absences of several members. He will keep the board aware of any updates.

**Item#15. Update on the Pyramid/US 395 Connection.**

Doug Maloy with Regional Transportation Commission thanked District staff for assisting with the coordination of the January 19, 2011 Workshop. The workshop format was set up in different stations to show the history of the Pyramid/US 395 Connection proposed project. Maps were provided to show various alternative crossings. It was well attended with over 100 attendees.

Darrin Price inquired what the status is on the environmental study.



Doug reported the current environmental study is in the level 3 screening. RTC continues to narrow down the alternative crossings and continues to perform traffic analysis in hopes to have a complete report for review within the next twelve months to submit for approval.

Garth Elliott inquired about the feedback from the workshop.

Doug commented he is still gathering comments, once that is finished he could provide a summary.

Robert Fink inquired if the proposed project would eliminate the existing traffic through Golden Valley. He also commented RTC will have a debate with others regarding property value at some point in time.

Susan Severt is also concerned with the amount of traffic going through Golden Valley and Pyramid Highway. She also inquired what the intent of the proposed project is.

Doug reported the intent is to capture the core of Spanish Springs to help eliminate the traffic congestion from Pyramid Highway. RTC would have to perform a different study regarding the Golden Valley traffic.

Linda Woodland encouraged RTC to perform a traffic study on Highland Ranch.

Mike Ariztia encouraged RTC to perform a traffic study on north 395 to take in consideration the additional impact to the existing traffic congestion that occurs with morning commuters.

Garth Elliott commented after speaking with several residents they are not opposed of the project but would like to see ingress and egress from Sun Valley Boulevard onto the overpass and see other improvements to Sun Valley Boulevard.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if there is one proposal in favor over another regarding design and location.

Doug commented it is mixed right now regarding the proposals.

Darrin Price thanked Doug for his time and providing an update from the workshop. Darrin asked Doug to have RTC consider additional improvements to the Sun Valley community for sidewalks or even money contribution towards the schools. In addition to, since the District paid for the postage for the workshop mailer, for RTC to consider donating a free swim day at the Sun Valley Pool.

**Item#16. Update and discussion regarding the 76<sup>th</sup> (2011) Legislative Session.**

Darrin Price reported all the governmental and public agencies are worried what the State Legislature might take from them to help satisfy with the state budget. District's lobbyist Fred Hillerby is currently tracking three Bill Draft Requests and they are AB59 that would make various changes to the Open Meeting Law, AB67 revises provisions to the governing of the Public Employee Retirement System, and AB73 revises provisions governing the appropriation of water for beneficial use. Staff will continue to review Bill Draft Request's and will update as needed.

Audience member Gary Schmidt commented on a letter he submitted to Sparks Tribune regarding the state's financial situation. He also commented on how the legislators should enforce the law and make Washoe County add two additional commissioners due to the population increase in Washoe County.

**Item#17. Update and discussion regarding activity of on-going commissions and committees.**

Darrin Price reported;

- Truckee Meadows Water Authority is doing a volunteer staff reduction.
- Western Regional Water Commission voted on officers during the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and Margaret Reinhardt became the secretary. Western Regional Water Commission is considering using funds from the Regional Water Fund to purchase water rights to be applied towards the 6700 Agreement and to assist the Regional Planning Commission for future development studies.
- Washoe County Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2011 at 8:30 am.
- Washoe County School District had a meeting on January 15, 2011 at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center to discuss the Sun Valley schools. Darrin commented based on the discussion at the meeting, Sun Valley will not be receiving a middle school or a high school any time soon.
- Washoe County Board of Health Commission approved the District's request for a variance for the wading pool regarding the turn over rate.

**Item#18. Financial report by Bill Short.**

Bill Short reported he recently met with Darrin and Carol to discuss the possibility of transferring some funds from Heritage Bank to Umpqua Bank in order to spread the District's funds around rather than keeping them all in one bank.

**Item#19. Legal report by Stewart White.**

Stewart White reported Washoe County has agreed to the legal description for Gepford Park that was found with the title report. He will now finalize the Deed and send to Washoe County for review and possible signing.

Stewart also reported he is going to file a default judgment against Skip Roggenbihl for the amount the District paid for the water rights that he agreed to replace. He will record the judgment in all locations that Skip might have property.

**Item#20. Field report by Mike Ariztia.**

Mike Ariztia reported on the following;

- Construction started on the Biller Lane project. It is estimated two – three weeks for the completion of the project.
- He spoke with the District's insurance representative and there would be no reduction in premium rates if the District were to install a security surveillance system at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center.
- The Washoe County inmate crew will be assisting the District with graffiti removal at the tanks and parks.

**Item#21. Managers report by Darrin Price**

Darrin Price provided a Claims Reporting Procedure that was provided to the District by the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool for information purposes only.

Darrin thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the leadership program.

**Item#22. Public Comments.**

Susan Severt gave an update on the Clock Tower. The Clock Tower has ordered the materials and will be making the appropriate repairs. Washoe County has been diligent with responding to the original complaint and making sure the repairs are done. Susan also gave a brief overview of a new pilot program called Alert ID and requested permission to put it on a future District board meeting for further discussion.

Marge Cutler commented on a property near her who is in violation with Washoe County Code by storing multiple homes on one parcel.

**Item#23. Board Comments.**

Robert Fink commented he saw several cars being transported up on Quartz Lane and is suspicious with the activity.

Garth Elliott commented on a property on Armargosa who is in violation with Washoe County and Code Enforcement is currently working on the claim.

**Item#24. Future agenda items.**

Garth Elliott would like to discuss the District's Customer Refund Policy and consider making updates to the District's Rules and Regulations.

**Item#25. Adjournment.**

*Linda Woodland made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*



## Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2011

### **Board Members Present:**

Margaret Reinhardt	Chairperson
Linda Woodland	Vice-Chair
Sandra Ainsworth	Secretary
Garth Elliott	Treasurer
Robert Fink	Trustee

### **Board Members Not Present:**

### **Staff Present:**

Darrin Price	SVGID, General Manager
Jon Combs	SVGID, Field Supervisor
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff
Bill Short	SVGID, CPA
Maddy Shipman	SVGID, Legal

### **Others Present:**

Jim Ainsworth	Audience	Susan Severt	Audience
Marge Cutler	Audience	Debra Luddy	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience	Dale & Janice Embree	Audience
Jeanie Harrison	Audience	Dave Sawyer	Audience
Debbie Medina	Audience	David Perry	Audience
Vicky Maltman	Audience		
Joseph Barstow	Reverend, H.O.P.E. Church		
Doug Maloy	Project Manager, Regional Transportation Commission		
Grady Tarbutton	Director, Washoe County Senior Services		
Doug Cordova	Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows		
Warren Brighton	Chair, Sun Valley Citizens Advisory Board		

**The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Reinhardt at 6:00 p.m. in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd, Sun Valley, NV.**

#### **Item#1. Roll call and determination of a quorum.**

Board members present; Robert Fink, Linda Woodland, Margaret Reinhardt, Sandra Ainsworth, Garth Elliott. A quorum was present.

#### **Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

#### **Item#3. Motion to approve agenda**

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the agenda. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **Item#4. Certify posting of agenda.**

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of agenda.

**Item#5. Public comments for items not on the agenda.**

Chair of Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board "CAB" Warren Brighton thanked Darrin Price for attending the recent CAB meeting and giving a District update.

Audience member Susan Severt was disappointed in the small article that was published in RGJ announcing the Sun Valley Fun Sunday. Susan commented she thinks the District pays too much for the District's Public Relations.

Audience member Debbie Medina commented she lives in Highland Ranch and wants to know why she pays so much for water.

Reverend Joseph Barstow for H.O.P.E. Church of the Nazarene made an announcement of an upcoming fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held July 30, 2011 from 8 am until 11 am at the Sparks Church of the Nazarene located on El Rancho Boulevard. All proceeds will support the Sun Valley local food pantry.

**Item#6. Discussion and motion to approve payables and customer refunds for July 14, 2011.**

Treasurer Garth Elliott gave a brief report of the accounts payable for July 14, 2011.

*Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the accounts payable for July 14, 2011 in the total amount of \$231,131.30, noted there were no refunds for July 14, 2011. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#7. Discussion and motion to approve minutes from June 23, 2011.**

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the minutes of June 23, 2011. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#8. Final report regarding the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session from District's lobbyist Fred Hillerby.**

Fred Hillerby with Hillerby and Associates gave a final report on the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The session adjourned on June 7, 2011. During the session over 1,100 bills and resolutions were introduced with 550 bills passing. The big issues for this session were related to the budget, education, and revenue.

Fred reported at the beginning of the session Governor Sandoval was proposing a budget that included no taxes or fees, with one of the taxes that was passed in 2009 to sunset. The offset would be using funds from local government agencies. However, during the session the Supreme Court issued a decision on a case stemming from the 2010 special session and a Legislative grab of \$62M from a southern Nevada water project. The Court ruled that taking of local and specific purpose funds was unconstitutional. Governor Sandoval then decided he could support an extension of the sunsets for only 2 years, and wanted reforms he had included in his budget and legislative priorities as part of the budget package. Some of the reforms that were approved are; Teacher layoffs will now be determined by factors, such as performance reviews and student achievements, other than last in, first out. They also changed some of the union negotiating and the tenure for the teachers. Another reform that was passed was regarding state employees. State workers will have a mix of 2.5% pay cuts and 6 furlough days a year equaling another 2.3% reduction.

Fred reported this is the first time that water was not a high priority for the legislative session. Hillerby and Associates monitored 25 various bills for the District, of those bills that were being monitored 9 of them passed and 16 of them did not. The 9 bills that passed include; AB59 Various changes to the Open Meeting Law, AB73 Revises provisions governing the appropriation

of water for beneficial use, AB76 Various changes concerning the Public Employees' Benefits Program, AB115 Revises provisions governing the appropriation of water for beneficial use, AB168 Revises provisions governing the formation of general improvement districts, AB237 Authorizes counties to issue securities for projects and programs concerning public water and sewer systems, AB257 Revises provisions relating to the Open Meeting Law, AB410 Revises provisions relating to the filing by a governmental entity of a protest against the granting of certain applications relating to water rights, AB422 Provides specific authority for bodies to lease water rights to certain owners or holders of water rights.

Fred reported the revisions regarding the Open Meeting Law are technical revisions such as; an increase in violation fees and it is now required to have public comments for items on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting prior to discussing any discussion items. The District can still hear public comments during the meeting on each item as currently practiced.

Fred briefly reported on one bill that did not pass regarding the creation of a new general improvement district for renewable energy.

Garth Elliott inquired why the District continues to pay for a Lobbyist during off session months/years.

Fred reported the Legislature has interim committees that discuss ongoing issues, some concerning general improvement districts. Fred attends the interim committee meetings and gets involved in the regulatory process. Fred commented several years ago it was agreed upon by both parties, for Fred to bill a flat rate monthly rather than trying to figure out how many hours he spent at the legislative sessions and other committee meetings as a District representative. This agreement was made to assist with the District's budget process for lobbyist services.

Darrin Price thanked Fred Hillerby for his representation for the District during the legislative session and for his time to give a brief report of the session.

Both Linda Woodland and Margaret Reinhardt thanked Fred Hillerby for his updates.

**Item#9. Update by RTC on the Pyramid/US 395 Connection.**

Margaret Reinhardt made an announcement that RTC is here to give an update presentation, not a workshop, regarding the Pyramid/US 395 Connection.

Darrin Price reported that Doug Maloy with the Regional Transportation Commission is here to provide an update on the proposed Pyramid/US 395 connection. The District has been following this project because the District is a community partner and the proposed project will affect the Sun Valley community. The District recognizes that the majority of the impacts involve the residents south of the District.

Doug Maloy with the Regional Transportation Commission "RTC" commented the purpose of the Pyramid/US 395 Connection is to alleviate current and future traffic congestion stemming from growth in Sparks, Spanish Springs while improving east-west connectivity. The project limits are from Calle de la Plata to Queens Way and US 395 to Vista Boulevard. The north and south portion of the project on Pyramid HWY will be considered a freeway with speed limits set at 65 miles per hour. The east and west connector will have a speed limit of 55 miles per hour. Both the freeway and the connector will have various interchanges.

There are currently four design concepts for the connector. Two of the designs are classified as the north crossing, located south of the District following the existing power lines along Rampion Way. The difference between the two designs is the interchange location for Sun Valley. One design has an interchange on Sun Valley Boulevard, and other design has an interchange west of

Chocolate Drive. The two other designs are classified as the south crossing, located on El Rancho Boulevard. Again the two differences are the interchange locations, one on Sun Valley Boulevard, and the other located on Dandini Boulevard. Depending on which design, the project has the potential to relocate 80 to 100 Sun Valley residents. Other impacts that still need to be reviewed are visual, noise, and environmental impacts in addition to the alternative at Sun Valley and Pyramid there will also be a "No Build" alternative.

Doug reported at the last workshop that was held on January 19, 2011 at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, there was approximately 120 attendees made up of residents and elected officials. A few attendees are opposed of the project, but overall attendees saw some benefits and possible opportunities for the Sun Valley community. Most of the attendees were generally in support of the project, but expressed concerns regarding impacts and mitigation strategies. The opinion for the connection design was split between northern and southern crossings, but the preference appeared to be more towards the southern crossing north of El Rancho Boulevard. No clear preference was determined for the interchange location.

Doug gave a brief study and project schedule broken up into four phases. The first phase known as the Initial Planning took place from 1998 to 2005 starting with the study requested by the City of Sparks in 1998; Pyramid Corridor Master Plan and the 2030 RTP in 2001; Sun Valley Area Plan in 2004; and updates to the 2030 RTP in 2005. The second phase known as the NEPA is scheduled from 2007 to 2014. This phase includes the Pyramid EIS kick off in 2007; Purpose and Need Development in 2008; Alternative Screening Complete in 2011, Draft EIS in 2012; Final EIS in 2013; and Record of Decision in 2014. The third phase known as the Final Design is scheduled from 2015 to 2017. This phase includes the Beginning of the Final Design of Initial Segments in 2015; and the Right-of-Way Acquisition Begins in 2017. The last phase is the beginning of construction initial segments scheduled for 2018 to 2020. Future segments are scheduled for 2020 to 2030.

Robert Fink inquired at what time will RTC start thinking about purchasing properties. He also inquired how and when does RTC determine property value. Robert commented that individuals need to be considered during this process and that is his main concern.

Doug commented once a decision has been made, RTC will start purchasing properties using strict guidelines set for by the Uniform Act that must be followed.

Garth Elliott thanked Doug for his presentation. Garth commented he is still in favor of the alternate route that was studied in 2003 that would by-pass Sun Valley and go around the homes instead of through the homes. He also commented he doesn't like Sun Valley being in the middle of the east and west connector to help relieve the traffic congestion from other valleys.

Audience member Debra Ludy commented she just purchased a home on Rampion Way. She has never heard of the project and wanted to know how RTC notified residents about the January workshop. She was never informed by her realtor or lender about the workshop.

Doug commented RTC sent out a large quantity of notices including inserts in District billings and other mailings for areas not in the District regarding the January workshop. There is still a public hearing that will be held for everyone to provide formal comments. Doug also commented RTC has to follow strict guidelines when it comes to determining fair market value when it is time to purchase properties.

Audience member Vickie Maltman attended a prior RTC meeting and at one time there were 16 alternative designs. Why is RTC targeting the Sun Valley area? Vicky commented that she understands that individuals will be paid for their properties, but that doesn't pay them back for

the money that individuals already have spent with improvements to their homes. She also thinks that the project might be good for some commercial businesses, but it will bring more crime to the valley.

Audience member Susan Severt inquired; if only 15% of the design work has been done so far, does that mean that there will be greater impacts later in 2015 when RTC prepares the final design? She also inquired about the environmental justice to the minority population. Susan commented the project is not wanted, it may bring in some additional money, but it will bring more impacts to the valley and she is not in favor of it.

Doug reported that RTC is very confident that they have the maximum amount of area identified for the footprint. Environmental Justice guidelines are used to determine whether minorities are disproportionately impacted.

Audience member Marge Cutler commented she has been a participant with the project for many years. At the beginning the original route was to take traffic from the Spanish Springs area starting at Eagle Canyon Road, the route went around the north of Sun Valley and west of Chocolate Drive. This alternate route had fewer impacts to individuals. Why has the project changed and what is the purpose of this project?

Doug reported the project is to help eliminate traffic off of Pyramid Hwy and to connect the east and west areas. This project is considered a regional project that is intended to provide regional benefits.

Audience members Dale and Janice Embry commented they live on Rampion Way. They never heard of the project. They have put a lot of money into their property and given the economy, they will never see a return on their investment. They recommended having the route take off from Highland Ranch and go west.

Audience member David Perry inquired if there will be provisions built into the project. He also inquired what guidelines are used to determine property values. He commented RTC needs to improve their notification process.

Doug reported he does not handle right-of-way acquisitions, but if there is a situation where economically an individual was upside down if they were to receive fair market value, RTC would look into that and see how to get clear title that could require some kind of administrative settlement. RTC uses guidelines when acquiring properties.

Audience member Jeanie Harrison commented she lives on Rampion Way and she is against the project. It is already difficult getting onto Sun Valley Boulevard from Rampion Way. The Boulevard is already congested without any additional traffic. She is concerned it will bring more accidents and fatalities.

Audience member Dave Sawyer commented he doesn't like the idea that the project will bring more commercial business to the area when it is at the expense of the property owners. He is not in favor of the project and would recommend no build.

Chair of the Sun Valley CAB Warren Brighton requested Doug with RTC to be present at the next CAB meeting for a progress update. Warren doesn't understand why RTC continues to pay for consultant fees for a project that is not supported by the community. He would like for RTC to consider alternative projects (Western Arterial) that have less impacts on individuals.



Darrin commented the District is a community partner and the District board directed staff to become actively involved and try to get the word out regarding the project. The District mailed a flyer provided by RTC, to all of the District customers with their monthly bill to promote the January workshop.

Robert Fink suggested for everyone to contact their Commissioner and provide their comments on the project.

Linda Woodland inquired why RTC doesn't start on Eagle Canyon and use undeveloped land to head towards US 395. This project is going to increase the existing traffic jam.

Garth suggested for RTC to send out survey cards to everyone for their input on the proposed project.

Margaret Reinhardt commented she sympathizes with everyone. There was a proposed project at one time on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue that would have impacted a lot of individuals. She also commented that the southern crossing would have fewer impacts on individuals.

Darrin thanked Doug for providing an update.

Sandra Ainsworth commented she has only heard opposition regarding this project. She is still in favor of the route that is west of Chocolate Avenue. She has lived in Sun Valley for many years and raised her family in Sun Valley. They have put their heart and soles into their home and she knows that with the current market values, she would never be paid back what her family has put into their home.

Doug commented trying to balance transportation and community issues is very challenging. He apologized to anyone who was not notified of the prior workshop. He encouraged everyone to attend the public hearing to provide comments to RTC.

It was requested by various members for RTC to hold another workshop and making sure that all residents located on Rampion Way and surrounding areas are invited.

**Item#10. Discussion and possible motion to consider amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Washoe County regarding cost sharing of utilities for the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center prior to renewal.**

Darrin Price reported both the District's attorney and Washoe County District attorney are corresponding back and forth regarding interpretation of the original Interlocal Agreement deeding the parks to the District and the original Lease Agreement for the use of the neighborhood center. Darrin made a recommendation to continue with the current Lease Agreement between the District and Washoe County as is, and to consider amending the agreement next year prior to renewal. The County currently pays the District \$300.00 per month to help cover garbage and janitorial services. The proposed amendment requiring Washoe County to pay a portion of the utilities, estimated to be \$2,700.00 annually, will not hurt the District to pay for one more year.

Grady Tarbutton with Washoe County Senior Services commented he agrees with Darrin's recommendation. He too asked to continue with the current Lease Agreement to allow the attorney's time to review both agreements and negotiate any amendments as needed.

Garth Elliott commented his only concern is that the residents are paying twice for the parks. They pay a portion on their property taxes for recreation and they pay the District for recreation. He

would have liked the County to share a portion of the property taxes with the District to help fund the park operations.

Darrin requested to renew the Lease Agreement, as is, until April 30, 2012.

*Sandra Ainsworth made a motion to renew the Lease Agreement, as is, between the District and Washoe County and to continue with the negotiations for utilities. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;*

*Yea: Robert Fink, Linda Woodland, Sandra Ainsworth, Margaret Reinhardt  
Nay: Garth Elliott*

**Item#11. Progress report from the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows on the Community Garden.**

Doug Cordova with the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows gave a brief update on the community garden. He has been finalizing the grant that was awarded. The kids have done some weed control and have done some seeding. He thanked Jon Combs for his help for really cleaning up the lot and making it accessible for the kids. Doug commented that the garden is not a short term project it is considered an ongoing project. They are looking into purchasing a storage shed and possibly a greenhouse too for the site.

**Item#12. Discussion and possible motion regarding article ideas for consideration requested by Patricia Lancaster.**

Darrin Price received a request from Patricia Lancaster regarding some article ideas for future newsletters. The ideas are to recognize members of the military whose families reside in the District. Another idea is to honor Sun Valley students for their achievements.

Robert Fink commented he spoke with Patricia regarding her request and her goal is to keep the community aware of some of the good things that take place in the community.

Margaret Reinhardt commented she thinks these are good ideas, but did not want to make a formal commitment at this time because the newsletter has limited space. Margaret reminded the Board that the District participated last year honoring the military and their families during the Veteran's Day event at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center.

Garth Elliott commented he hopes to never see a newsletter again now that the District's website is up.

**Item#13. Discussion and possible motion per District personnel policy 5.11, the board to determine percentages for annual reviews and salary increases and consideration of alternative incentives.**

Darrin Price reported that at the end of each fiscal year, the Board determines the percentage calculations on which raises are to be based. Evaluation scores set by management and supervisors will determine the individual employee's raise. He made a recommendation not to raise any wages this year based on the economy and for budgetary reasons.

Darrin reported per the District's personnel policy, the Board can consider alternative incentives for employees during years they are unable to give raises. He reported last year the Board graciously approved personal days in lieu of raises as a reward for excellent work, performance, and dedication. Darrin requested for consideration to award employees who meet expectations 1 paid personal day, and employees who are above expectations 2 paid personal days. Any

approved personal days must be used within one calendar year and employees must seek approval from management or supervisor to use a personal day.

Robert Fink commented he does not feel now is the time to give any raises.

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve 2 personal days.*

Garth Elliott inquired if employees get their birthdays off, if not he thinks it should be considered. He also inquired if the District has a cost savings incentive program for the employees, example; if an employee came up with an idea to save the District \$10,000 dollars, the District could reward the employee by splitting the savings with him/her and pay them \$5,000 dollars.

Darrin reported as a public entity the District does not split savings with employees. Any savings the employees contribute are reward in other ways such as; an employee implemented a recycling program for the District office. The Board honored that employee and rewarded them with paid personal days as an incentive.

*Robert Fink restated his motion to approve the 2 personal days in lieu of a raise with the employees giving management or supervisor 2 week notice. Linda Woodland seconded the motion.*

Darrin reported management's recommendation is in lieu of annual raises for employees, if an employee's annual evaluation score meets expectations they would receive 1 paid personal day off. If the employee's annual evaluation score is above expectations they would receive 2 paid personal days off.

Margaret Reinhardt asked Robert if that is what his motion was.

Robert commented that is not what his motion was, but he wants to follow policy.

*After some discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

Maddy Shipman commented that Robert's motion does not match staffs recommendation and if he wants to approve staffs recommendation then he should reconsider his motion.

*Robert Fink made a motion to reconsider the motion. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Linda Woodland made a motion to continue with the policy that the Board took last year, to reward employees who meets expectations 1 paid personal day off, reward employees who are above expectations 2 paid personal days off, there will be no annual raises, and personal days must be taken within one calendar year. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion.*

Sandra inquired if the motion is for just annual raises. Does that mean if an employee goes and gets further education, would they not get a merit raise for that?

Darrin reported the Board is only voting on annual raises.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **Item#14. Discussion and motion regarding General Manager's performance review process.**

Darrin Price requested for direction on how the Board would like to perform the General Manager's performance review. Last year the District performed a 360° evaluation on the General Manager in lieu of an evaluation from the Board. Darrin asked what method would the current Board like to do for this years review process of the General Manager.

Linda Woodland commented she thinks the Board as a whole should be the ones to evaluate the General Manager. She didn't like the 360° evaluation process.

Margaret Reinhardt agreed with Linda.

*Garth Elliott commented he thinks there is great value in the 360° evaluation process and made a motion to perform a 360° evaluation on the General Manager. Motion died for lack of second.*

*Linda Woodland made a motion to bring the review of the General Manager back to the Board. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;*

*Yea: Robert Fink, Linda Woodland, Sandra Ainsworth, Margaret Reinhardt  
Nay: Garth Elliott*

**Item#15. Financial report by Bill Short.**

None

**Item#16. Legal report by Maddy Shipman.**

Maddy Shipman provided some helpful tips, one regarding public comments. She encourages public comments, but be careful when the public comments start to become the discussion. Once it starts becoming more of a discussion, the Board should consider adding that particular topic to a future agenda. The other tip she offered is with the motion process. The standard motion process is to have a motion made and seconded, following discussion if any, and then the vote. Since the District Board allows for public comments on all agenda items, she recommended calling for public comments prior to making a motion, so that if the Board does have discussion they would have a better understanding what their discussing.

**Item#17. Field report by Jon Combs.**

Jon Combs reported on the following;

- When ever there is vandalism to the parks irrigation, the landscaper makes all the repairs. All repairs are charged to the District by the landscaper.
- Field staff is continuing to work on the meter change out to FlexNet and it has been it going well.
- Staff has been learning how to operate the pool equipment at the pool and it has been challenging at times.

**Item#18. Managers report by Darrin Price.**

Darrin Price reported on the following;

- Provided a Customer Service report for June 2011. The District received half of the monthly payments in person or over the phone; and the other half were via mail, drop box or automatic withdrawal. There are a total of 68 District customers taking advantage of the Recreation Discount.
- Provided an RGJ article regarding the City of Reno proposing a sewer increase. The increase is to help fund current and future sewer improvements.

- Sun Valley Fun Sunday is July 17, 2011 from 9 am until 4 pm at the Sun Valley Community Park.

**A. Update regarding activity of on-going commissions and committees.**

- July 9, 2011 Darrin attended and gave a District update at the Sun Valley CAB meeting. At the CAB meeting he heard that Washoe County has provided a flyer how to deal with graffiti, Darrin will look into this flyer. The Sun Valley CAB started a petition regarding the repairs and maintenance of the Clock Tower. Also on the CAB agenda was discussion regarding the request for a 75 unit mobile home park to be developed off of east 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The CAB did not approve the request for the development.

**Item#19. Public Comments.**

Audience member Vicky Maltman commented on some overwatering she saw at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center and requested Jon Combs to look into it.

Audience member Susan Severt commented she has issued a formal request with both Sun Valley Commissioners to put it on the Washoe County Commission agenda to revoke the Special Use Permit for the Clock Tower. She is pursuing Washoe County School District regarding revamping some of the elementary schools in the community. Susan also reported she and some other individuals are working on a potential graffiti remedy.

**Item#20. Board Comments.**

Robert Fink commented since Washoe County originally approved the Special Use Permit for the Clock Tower; the County can take it away too. Robert reported on July 26, 2011 the Washoe County Commissioners will be discussing how they are going to payback the property taxes to residents of Incline Village. He also reported on August 4, 2011 the Washoe County Community Development will be reviewing the Valle Vista application for a 75 unit mobile home park. He would also like for staff to research how much a score board would cost for the ball field at the Sun Valley Community Park.

Garth Elliott commented on Mike Ariztia Field report. He commented he would have liked for the District to have implemented a Volunteer Program this year, since it is getting later in the year he hopes to see the program implemented next year. He also commended the office staff for being very professional. He would like to see more information to be provided to customers regarding leak detection. He also would like to challenge the board members to come up with some topics for the District's website.

Margaret Reinhardt read some suggestions that were received in the suggestion box.

- I just paid my bill and usually that is an unpleasant event. But today Muriel was so pleasant and it was a pleasure.
- Suggestion to clean up of some of the waste on the side streets and dirt roads to improve the environment.
- Comment was made that a customer pays too much for their water and sewer and hopes not to pay too much in the future.

**Item#21. Future Agenda Items.**

- Garth Elliott would like for the District to look into a manual reader board for the front of the office building to announce meetings.
- Garth would like to discuss graffiti at the next meeting.

**Item#22. Adjournment.**

*Linda Woodland made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.*

## Meeting Minutes

**Project:** Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection

**Purpose:** Field Trip Along Alternative 3 (Ridge Alignment)

**Date Held:** February 11, 2013, 10:30 am

**Location:** East of Sun Valley, Nevada, along Alternative 3 (Ridge Alignment)

**Attendees:** Darrin Price, Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) General Manager)  
Mike Ariztia, SVGID Public Works Director  
Jennifer Merritt, SVGID Administrative Assistant  
Doug Maloy, RTC  
Bryan Gant, Jacobs Engineering

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## Discussion

On Monday, February 11, 2013, Bryan Gant and Doug Maloy met with representatives of the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) listed above. The purpose of the field trip was to show Darrin and his staff the locations of the proposed "Ridge Alignment" that is included in the alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Darrin has expressed concerns that this alternative will have visual impacts to Sun Valley residents. Doug and Bryan felt that a field trip of the alignment would provide an understanding of the potential visual impacts.

The field trip began at a location immediately east of Sun Valley Boulevard that is along the US 395 Connector alignment. The location was approximately where the two Sun Valley crossing alternatives diverge. The discussion at this location was generally on the two alternatives, but it was understood that the potential visual impacts of the "Ridge Alternative" were not affected by the Sun Valley crossing alternative of the Connector.

Using GPS, Bryan was able to provide approximately four ground locations along the "Ridge Alignment" that the group was able to drive to and observe the location relative to different parts of the Sun Valley community. The group was also able to reasonably drive along the alignment to check intermediate points for potential visual impacts.

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The field trip took approximately two hours. With the exception of a few short segments, it was understood by all that the proposed road would not be visible by the Sun Valley community due to its location on the east slope of the ridge above Sun Valley and relatively few segments in fill. The group talked about potential visual screening using fill material should that alternative be selected. Darrin asked about landscape screening as an option.

Darrin requested that additional field trips be held to allow them to take SVGID Trustees up to view the alignment. A future field trip would be scheduled for two trustees and no general public. Bryan and Doug will stake out key locations in the field prior to the next field trip.

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## Meeting Minutes

**Project:** Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection

**Purpose:** Field Trip Along Alternative 3 (Ridge Alignment)

**Date Held:** March 18, 2013, 3:30pm

**Location:** East of Sun Valley, Nevada, along Alternative 3 (Ridge Alignment)

**Attendees:** Darrin Price, Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) General Manager)  
Mike Ariztia, SVGID Public Works Director  
Sandra Ainsworth, SVGID Trustee  
Joseph Barstow, SVGID Trustee  
Kitty Jung, Washoe County Commissioner  
Doug Maloy, RTC  
Bryan Gant and Chris Martinovich, Jacobs Engineering

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## Discussion

On Monday, March 18, 2013, Bryan Gant, Chris Martinovich, and Doug Maloy met with representatives of the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) listed above and Washoe County Commissioner Kitty Jung. The purpose of the field trip was to show SVGID Trustees and Commissioner Jung the locations of the proposed "Ridge Alignment" that is included in the alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The field trip was provided at the request of Darrin on behalf of those who attended. Prior to the field trip, four ground locations were staked as "way points" with intermediate sighted in points also staked to provide good visual reference for the field trip. It was anticipated that this would allow Darrin and his staff to take other interested trustees and their constituents on similar field trips should they have additional requests.

Maps were provided to the group to provide some additional visual reference information. There was a brief discussion at the first location east of Sun Valley Boulevard that is along the US 395 Connector alignment. Commissioner Jung wanted a better understanding of the two Sun Valley crossing locations. In addition, she asked about the purpose of the study. She asked what could be done to help the Sun Valley community should this be constructed. The group discussed how there could be opportunities including providing sidewalk along Sun Valley Boulevard within the

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limits of construction. Bryan, Chris, and Doug pointed out that sound walls (screen walls) will be considered at the crossing location and are included in the Draft EIS as potential sound mitigation depending on the results of sound studies during design.

The group stopped at the four "way points" and a few intermediate locations during the trip. Other general discussion about the study occurred, including potential phasing and funding issues. The field trip took approximately 1-1/2 hours. With the exception of a few short segments, it was understood by all that the proposed road would not be visible by the Sun Valley community due to its location on the east slope of the ridge above Sun Valley and relatively few segments in fill. The group talked about potential visual screening using fill material should that alternative be selected.

In general, it appeared that the group was not overly concerned about the potential visual impacts, and appreciated the opportunity to view the alignment and receive an update on the Draft EIS process.

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## **Appendix B: Public Involvement**

### **Citizen Advisory Board Meetings**

# SUN VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



## DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held April 11, 2009, at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Lancaster called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
  2. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was heard and a quorum of three members was determined.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patricia Lancaster (Chairperson), Warren Brighton, Jim Brunson  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – John Jackson (excused), Linda Woodland (excused), James Georges
  3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2009** – Warren Brighton moved to approve the April 11, 2009 meeting agenda. Jim Brunson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
  4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 14, 2009** – Warren Brighton moved to approve the March 14, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Jim Brunson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
  5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
    - A. Bob Fink reported Charter Communications fixed the problem of TV “ghosting” on certain channels and that Gary Schmidt’s case has been overturned by the Supreme Court.
    - B. Tom Noblett, Leon Drive resident, reported that at a recent meeting it was announced water bills would be increased by 10%, but that a TMWA representative he spoke with reported there would only be a 3% increase spread out over a three-year period. Chairperson Lancaster clarified a 10% increase was being proposed and negotiated. Mr. Noblett stated he attended a meeting regarding the pool and that the cost to open the pool would be \$35,000 and not \$70,000 as previously reported. He also noted a trailer from the Carol Drive area was moved to the Leon Drive area. Bert Bracy, Code Enforcement Officer, reported the trailer was being removed. Mr. Noblett thanked Mr. Bracy for his efforts.
  6. **REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates will be limited to five (5) minutes each. Speakers are requested to sign in and move to the front of the meeting area to speak.
    - A. **\*Chair/Board Member Items** – Chairperson Lancaster explained a meeting regarding the Sun Valley Pool was held and that resident input received thus far was in favor of taking action to open the pool, but responses were still being received. She encouraged individuals to attend the GID meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.
    - B. **\*Updates/Announcements/Correspondence** – There were no updates, announcements, or correspondence presented.
    - C. **\*County Commissioner/Community Liaison Updates** – Washoe County Commissioner Bonnie Weber wished everyone a Happy Easter holiday and reported the following:
      - ❖ She attended the meeting regarding the Sun Valley Pool issue. She clarified the \$70,000 amount discussed was to open the pool and to keep it open for the entire summer season. She stated the Board of County Commissioners were willing to work with the GID on the pool issue and encouraged individuals to contact County Commissioners in support of finding and allocating the approximately \$36,000 needed to open the pool.
      - ❖ There will be further discussion at the Commission meeting next week regarding the Northgate Golf Course and whether or not the property would be reverted back to RJB Development. Commissioner Weber stated she and Councilperson Breternitz will be requesting an additional nine months at a cost of \$300,000 in order to have further discussion with the community on the issue, but it was not sure yet where the funding would come from.
      - ❖ There has been discussion regarding water rights funding from the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex. The North Valleys community requested that the funding be earmarked for the park for a pool and a gym. Another suggestion was to use a portion of the funds for a Park Manager to oversee and maintain all parks.
      - ❖ Her “Coffee with the Commissioner” meeting would be held next week at 10:00 a.m. at the Sierra Sage Golf Course. She would provide information regarding foreclosure tips. Commissioner Weber noted there was an effort to save the Sierra Sage Golf Course which was scheduled to close at the end of September.
- Concerns/Comments**
- Tom Noblett thanked Commissioner Weber for her efforts in reviving the three-minute time limit for public comment during County Commission meetings.
  - Susan Severt commented that her concern was being given good information from the Parks Department without inflated costs and provided some examples.
  - Darrin Price noted Doug Dolittle would present a business plan at the April 28<sup>th</sup> GID meeting and that Mr. Dolittle would consider laying off full-time employees if pressured by the County Commission to come up with the \$36,000 needed to open the pool. He thanked Commissioner Weber for attending the meeting in Carson City to obtain approximately \$400,000 for school sidewalks.
- D. **\*Reno Fire Safety Update** – There was no one in attendance to present a report.

**E. \*Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – There was no one in attendance to present a report. Chairperson Lancaster noted the Crime Reports handout noted a breaking and entering in the 400 block of Highland Ranch Parkway.

**F. \*Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Update, Pah Rah District** – Suzanne Burr, Sun Valley Neighborhood Center Recreation Coordinator, reviewed upcoming park events. She stated volunteers were still needed and announced she would be moving to the Lazy 5 Park by June 1, 2009.

**G. \*GID Update** - Mr. Price reported the next SVGID meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and would include a discussion of the Sun Valley Pool. Doug Dolittle would be in attendance for a presentation. Regarding earlier comments about water rate increases, Mr. Price clarified the TMWA residential water rate was being proposed at 3% and the Sun Valley wholesale water rate was proposed at a higher rate, but was being negotiated.

**1. GID Sidewalk Project Update & Request For Community Input** - Darrin Price, SVGID General Manager, distributed and reviewed the Sun Valley Schools Sidewalk Project presentation handout and reported approximately \$400,000 was received for sidewalks which was less than the \$650,000 requested therefore the project would have to be prioritized. Discussion followed to prioritize sidewalks for Sun Valley Elementary School before Lois Allen Elementary School.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Chairperson Lancaster noted the May SVCAB meeting has been cancelled due to the Great Truckee Meadows Clean-Up event. There would be free dumping at Lockwood from Monday, April 20 to Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

**7. OLD BUSINESS** – There was no Old Business agenda item for review.

At this time, Chairperson Lancaster opened agenda item 9 to allow time to set up the RTC presentation.

#### **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Formerly agenda item 9)**

Future agenda items for the June SVCAB meeting include: (a) Discussion of candidates for the Washoe County School District; (b) Update on Nuisance Ordinance and Administrative Enforcement Ordinance; (c) Update on Washoe County Senior Services Future Plans for Sun Valley Senior Center; (d) Presentation by District Health regarding the Mosquito Abatement program.

**9. NEW BUSINESS** – (The Staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)

**A. \*Corridor Improvements Study** – With a PowerPoint© presentation, Leslie Regas, CH2M Hill Transportation Planner, reviewed the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection project which would alleviate traffic congestion on Pyramid Highway and improve east/west connections from the Spanish Springs area. Doug Maloy, RTC Project Manager, noted an open house meeting was held in Spanish Springs and that an open house meeting was being scheduled for the Sun Valley area on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center. Flyers regarding the open house meeting were made available as well as a sign-up sheet for the project mailing list.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- A comment was made to install a light on the southbound lane to the freeway on Clearacre due to the fact that the current traffic signal is not visible to oncoming traffic and that the lane drops off when entering the freeway.
- Susan Severt stated her concern was the use of eminent domain to uproot established homes for the benefit of the project. She noted public transportation was a "touchy" subject for Sun Valley residents.
- Tom Noblett commented on establishing safer bus stops.
- Lorrie Adams, Washoe County Community Outreach Coordinator, requested to know if response times for emergency services were being considered with the project. Ms. Regas stated that level of detail has not yet been analyzed.
- Susan Severt requested Sun Valley residents be provided with update information on the project.

**B. Washoe County Senior Services Future Plans For Sun Valley Senior Center** – Grady Tarbutton, Washoe County Senior Services Director, commented on the challenge to expand senior services during the current economic downturn and recent department budget cuts. He noted senior services were not funded by the county general fund, but by grants and the Ad Valorem tax therefore experienced little impact in a reduction in funds. He reviewed proposed locations and the advantages of moving senior services to the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center which would save \$22,000 a year. A decision may be made in a couple of months. Discussion followed regarding concerns about mixing senior services with current youth programs at the Neighborhood Center and the lack of southbound bus transportation in the area. Tom Noblett suggested housing senior services at the Landowners Building. Chairperson Lancaster requested an update at the next SVCAB meeting.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m. Warren Brighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Brunson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

# SUN VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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## DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held November 14, 2009, at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Lancaster called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was heard and a quorum of five members was determined.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patricia Lancaster (Chairperson), Warren Brighton, Jim Brunson, James Georges, Linda Woodland  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – None
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2009** – Linda Woodland moved to approve the November 14, 2009 meeting agenda. Warren Brighton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2009** – Garth Elliott noted that on Page 1, item 5E, the third line should read: "He stated that he has some concerns with the regulations as they are written." Warren Brighton moved to approve the September 12, 2009 meeting minutes as amended. Jim Brunson seconded the motion. The motion carried with Linda Woodland abstaining.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - A. Tom Noblett, Leon Drive resident, reviewed issues that he has with the Highway Patrol. He reported that the Bingo Board is arriving this week, and some public dignitaries will be present. Tuesday morning Bingo is doing well. Local establishments have been donating food as prizes. He called the road department to report potholes on Fourth Street, which have since been fixed. He thanked the Pastor of the church on Fourth Street for purchasing three cases of cookies to help raise funds for the Bingo game.
  - B. Garth Elliott reported Commissioners are reviewing the last part of the Nuisance Ordinance due to public concern. He encouraged the Commissioners to address the needs of Sun Valley in this legislation. He asked that a small citizens committee meet before the next reading of the ordinance to decide what is in the best interests of Sun Valley, particularly as it pertains to the vehicle storage provision. If the committee has a formal name, it is possible that the committee would be given more time to address the Commission at the next reading of the ordinance. Mr. Elliott reported that his family is still trying to adopt the Island Ranch Park. He explained his concerns regarding the county's management of volunteers for projects.
  - C. Jim Brunson reported several complaints have been received regarding traffic being blocked from the roadside market stand on Fifth Street on the weekends and that members of the Catholic Church in the area have stopped attending church services for this reason.
  - D. Tanya Bullock reported the Senior Center is doing well. WCDF Industries will be updating the recognition board to recognize all of the residents who have given to the community center. Ms. Bullock reviewed the various people who have donated items to the seniors for holiday baskets as well as other items. Pictures were shown of the Senior Halloween Party. A Holiday Party for seniors will be held the third week in December. She commented that volunteers would be helpful for the various activities that are being planned for the event.
  - E. Susan Severt reported the clock tower has been reset to the correct time, and parts have been ordered to fix the other two clock faces, but that more work may be needed if not fixed by Christmas. More rock has been brought into the regional park, which has blocked off some of the access points. Some portions of the park will be reseeded in the spring using seeds of native plants. Consideration is being given to either replacing the fountain that was damaged or replacing it with something else.
  - F. Brenda Hess, Director of Family Resource Center, reported that food remains the number one need. Outreach will be made to children who are eligible for the free lunch program, but are not currently receiving it. Ms. Hess reported that she attended two community expos sponsored by NV Energy last week. Both sessions were heavily attended, and most attendees were able to receive assistance in the amount of \$100 on their power bill. A community expo is being planned with NV Energy in either Sun Valley or the North Valleys Community Center. She asked to be contacted about families in need.
  - G. John Jackson reported the Food Pantry at the Nazarene Church is serving at least 200 people every week with approximately 25 new applicants each week. Assistance is provided for individuals that want to apply for the Food Stamp Program. "Angel Trees" to donate food/clothing/toys to needy children were being established. Volunteers were also needed for the Food Pantry.
  - H. Brenda Hess commented volunteers are being sought to assist people with filing taxes. The IRS will assist with the training to be held in December, but there is a cost involved.
  - I. Charles Stockford commented on the debris he found near his home on Quartz Lane and asked what can be done to address this issue. Burt Bracy, Washoe County Code Enforcement, suggested his office be called at 328-6191 regarding this issue as well as the ongoing weekend market adjacent to the Catholic Church.

J. James Georges reported that a new store has opened in Sun Valley called "DVDs" where DVDs can be rented. He encouraged residents to support local businesses.

**6. REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates will be limited to five (5) minutes each. Speakers are requested to sign in and move to the front of the meeting area to speak.

**A.\* Chair/Board Member Items** - Board member Brighton suggested submitting complaint forms to the County Commissioners regarding issues that have been repeatedly discussed at CAB meetings. For example, the clock tower issue. Chairperson Lancaster noted volunteer information was provided on the back table.

**B.\* Updates/Announcements/Correspondence** – There were no items to report.

**C.\* County Commissioner/Community Liaison Updates-** Commissioner Bonnie Weber or Commissioner Kitty Jung May Be Present For an Update on County Issues.

- ❖ "Coffee with Commissioner Weber" is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at the Sierra Sage Golf Course, 6355 Silver Lake Road in Stead
- ❖ Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) or at (775)328-2720. To sign up to receive e-mail updates from the county visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written county updates are available online at: [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).

Commissioner Kitty Jung:

- Encouraged residents to report repair or maintenance issues before they become bigger matters.
- Complimented the community for their proactive steps in addressing community issues such as keeping the swimming pool open this summer.
- Announced the annual Report to the Community regarding regional animal services is now available on the county's website. The service is now ranked number two in the nation. She predicted the service may be ranked number one within a year's time. Commissioner Jung noted many people have had to surrender their pets due to the economy. She encouraged people to become foster parents to animals in shelters for a month.
- Reported that the District Board of Health is considering the elimination of the use of PERC which is a dry cleaning fluid used dry cleaning establishments which may be harmful to the environment. New business would not be allowed to use PERC and existing businesses would have until 2023 in which to change depending on if they meet certain criteria. She noted she would e-mail CAB members the list of the four dry cleaning establishments that do not use PERC.
- Stated that illegal dumping was a major issue discussed at the last Commission meeting. This is linked to the economy since people can't afford to pay for dumping. She has requested that at the next joint meeting with the cities of Reno and Sparks, and Washoe County School District a presentation be given regarding what the next steps should be in addressing this issue. She encouraged residents to report illegal dumping at 328-DUMP and cautioned against directly confronting individuals that are illegally dumping.

**Concerns/Comments**

- An audience member commented that he lives on a private road and has had to confront a neighbor regarding illegal dumping in his area, per the Sheriff's Department. He noted that the Sheriff's Department will not confront reckless driving and speeding in the area since it is a private road, but that he can be held responsible for any injuries or deaths that occur as a result of this. Commissioner Jung commented that she will request that the Sheriff attend the January, 2010 CAB meeting to address this issue.
- Board member Brunson added that he also lives on this road. He noted that there is a law in Utah that states that if the road is used for public access for so many years, it automatically becomes the property of the county. Commissioner Jung replied that Washoe County has a similar law, and she will research this. She asked for the name of the street, and was told that it is East 6<sup>th</sup> and Klondike.
- Charles Stockford reported he had been told household items could be dumped at no charge. He stated the public should be made aware of this fact. Commissioner Jung replied she would need to verify this information.
- Tom Noblett commented that more time was needed for public comment at County Commission meetings. Commissioner Jung reported several complaints were heard regarding this issue so she had requested the matter be agendaized. Commissioners voted four to one to keep public comment at two minutes. She noted the Chair sets the time limit, and that, if she becomes Chair, it will be changed to three minutes.

**D.\* Reno Fire Safety Update** – There was no one in attendance to present an update.

**E.\* Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – There was no one in attendance to present an update.

**F.\* GID Update** - Chairperson Lancaster announced that the next GID Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items that will be discussed will include parks and pools and water hook-up fees.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.\* Update Report By Assemblyperson Smith On 2009 Legislative Session** – Assemblyperson Smith will provide an update on the 2009 Legislative session actions which affect Washoe County and the cities of Reno and Sparks,

with emphasis on any adopted bills of importance to the Sun Valley area. This item is informational only. No action will be taken.

There was no one in attendance to present a report.

At this time, Chairperson Lancaster announced there would be a short break in order to set up the presentation for the next agenda item.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.\* Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Presentation** – Representatives from the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) and its consultants, Jacobs Engineering and CH2M Hill, will provide a presentation on the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's progress. The study is evaluating alternatives to relieve traffic congestion on the Pyramid Highway and provide improved connectivity from Pyramid to US 395 and east to Vista Boulevard. Alternatives will be developed and evaluated to provide for today's traffic and anticipated future growth through 2040. This study is an environmental and engineering study being conducted by the RTC on behalf of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For more information, please visit [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com) and click on **Hot Topics, Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection EIS**. Following the presentation, the presenters will answer questions from the CAB and NAB members and the public. (This item is informational only and no action will be taken.)

With a PowerPoint presentation, Doug Maloy, RTC Project Manager stated the project was to relieve traffic congestion on Pyramid Highway and also provide connectivity from Pyramid Highway west to 395. He reviewed the screening process and reported they were currently at the level three phase of the screening process. One alternative is to establish a freeway. Another alternative was to establish connectivity on the hillside behind commercial businesses in the area. He reviewed possible connection points and challenges with establishing connectivity in a hillside range. Three alternatives were being considered for going west from Sun Valley and connecting to 395. Drafting of the Environmental Impact Statement would be completed in 2010 with a possible decision on a final alternative following extensive review in 2012. Construction was not expected to begin before 2018. Stakeholder meetings were being planned throughout the next several months. A public workshop would also be held in Sun Valley after the first of the year. A public hearing on the draft document would also be held in 2010.

### **Concerns/Comments**

- Board member Woodland expressed concern about ramps with no yield signs. She suggested installing lights to direct traffic. David Dodson, Project Manager, CH2M Hill, stated interchanges for this project would be designed under current standards. Mr. Maloy reported standards would include designing the length of the ramps to allow drivers to accelerate to the speed of freeway traffic. There is discussion of spacing out interchanges. The RTC was also considering ramp metering on 395 North.
- Board member Brighton suggested avoiding building lanes that drop off.
- In response to Susan Severt's question, discussion followed regarding the proximity of the project to homes and businesses in the area. Ms. Severt asked about the standard easement that would be needed. Mr. Dodson stated that has not been determined because it depends on the type of interchange needed which requires traffic and operation studies. Mr. Maloy added it may be a six-lane facility, which may require an approximately 100-ft easement. He stated they were in the process of completing field work over the proposed area.
- John Jackson pointed out drainage from the Sun Valley area comes down through that area and a dam was in place to prevent flooding in the City of Sparks. He asked if an interchange had been suggested for El Rancho Drive. Mr. Dodson explained that was being considered. Mr. Jackson noted El Rancho Drive was reduced from four lanes to two lanes.
- Board member Brunson stated RTC should have used funding to fix the intersection at Sullivan Lane and El Rancho Drive.
- Garth Elliott expressed his appreciation for including the west Sun Valley area in the project design. He stated he would like RTC to return to discuss using funds for a Mass Transit System. He commented that Sun Valley Boulevard was the biggest dump for vehicles from Pyramid Highway onto the freeway. Mr. Maloy reported a freeway facility as opposed to an arterial facility was being considered for west Sun Valley, but that studies indicate it did not relieve traffic congestion on Pyramid Highway as first thought.
- Chairperson Lancaster suggested widening McCarran Boulevard than building additional roadways.
- Board member Brighton agreed that widening Pyramid Highway down to McCarran Boulevard would provide more room for traffic and less impact to the area.
- Susan Severt stated that, in her opinion, there are no benefits to this project and that the project would increase traffic congestion and removal of some residences. Mr. Maloy stated the project would provide regional connectivity from west to east and to the north on 395 and Pyramid Highway.
- Board member Georges asked about the parallel road to Sun Valley Boulevard. Mr. Maloy stated that was still in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Board member Brighton requested to know if residents were approached about the project. Mr. Maloy stated that was the purpose of tonight's presentation. Discussion followed regarding funding being spent on this



project. Mr. Maloy noted there would be other opportunities for the public to provide input to the project and that tonight's presentation was to provide an update on the project.

- Chairperson Lancaster stated she did not realize the three alternatives were designed close together. She noted traffic down Sun Valley Drive in the mornings and afternoon was horrendous and will not improve with this project.
- Jim Tatomer asked for information for the north part of the area. Mr. Maloy stated that would be addressed and that information would be provided.
- Board member Brighton noted re-directing traffic north would improve current traffic congestion rather than adding more congestion to the area.

**B.\* Sun Valley Elementary Garden Committee** – Stephanie Braun, Sixth Grade Teacher at Sun Valley Elementary School, will give an update on the Sun Valley Elementary School's Garden Project. The update will include progress made this school year, as well as plans for the next school year.

There was no one in attendance to present a report.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Garth Elliott requested a presentation by RTC regarding an accounting of funding to assist with the 30% reduction in transportation for the area. Mr. Maloy reported he attempted to contact a representative to attend tonight's meeting regarding this issue. He suggested calling Mr. Hanson at 348-0400 about giving a presentation on the future of transportation in the area. Susan Severt suggested agendaizing traffic concerns at El Rancho Drive and noted traffic lights at El Ranch Drive are not aligned and that the road was to be re-stripped, but was delayed due to the weather and that traffic signs posted in the area were blocked by trees.

**Future agenda items include:** (a) Introduction of new WCSD Superintendent, Heath Morrison, (b) RTC presentation regarding the future of bus transportation for the Sun Valley area; (c) Discussion of traffic concerns at El Rancho Drive

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m. It was moved to adjourn the meeting. Warren Brighton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



# NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD AND WARD FOUR NORTH VALLEYS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD



## DRAFT

Minutes of the joint special meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board and North Valleys Neighborhood Advisory Board held November 16, 2009 at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex Community Building 8085 Silver Lake Drive, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUO RUM FOR NV CAB** – Sarah Chvilicek, Chair, District 5, Francine Donshick, Vice Chair, District 3, Mark Gallegos, District 3 Alternate (arrived at 6:49 p.m.), Frank Schenk, Cold Springs, Earl Walling, North Valleys, Linda Walls, North Valleys and John White, North Valleys.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** - Eric Arentz, Secretary, Cold Springs, excused  
**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM FOR NVNAB** – Kate McGrath (Chairperson), Garret Idle, Ed Hawkins, Janet Pirozzi and Byron Davis (Left the meeting at 8:19 p.m.).  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** - Lisa LaPier, excused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the November 16, 2009 agenda as posted. Kate McGrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4.\* **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on the agenda. Any time limits for this public comment item and for public testimony during an agenda item will be set by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting, but the time limit per person shall be no less than three minutes. The Chair may also grant additional time for persons representing a group at the beginning of the meeting. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB and NAB as a whole.
  - Maia Dickerson, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful urged citizens to recycle phone books and recycle Christmas trees after the holiday. Ms. Dickerson provided brochures for the boards and audience. Ms. Dickerson also urged citizens to recycle phone books. AT&T will donate new trees to local parks.
  - Suzy Rogers, City of Reno Emergency Communications urged citizens to recycle cellular phones. Ms. Rogers announced that the new communications manager has assumed his position with the 9-1-1 Emergency Center.
  - Gary Feero announced that the Community Emergency Response Team offers a variety of training of volunteers to respond to emergency situations. Mr. Feero provided copies of the CERT brochure. Mr. Feero urged citizens to volunteer to help with livestock and pets of owners evacuating during wildfires or other emergencies.
  - Jon Johnson speaking as a private citizen stated concern that the City of Reno continues to shut down the use of the ladder truck 15 at the Sun Valley fire station endangering local citizens. Mr. Johnson stated the importance of ladder trucks. Mr. Johnson also stated concern that the City of Reno is choosing not to use available funds to keep fire stations and equipment operating.
  - Ed Hawkins stated concern that a resident has requested sidewalks behind Silverlake School. Mr. Hawkins asked that precautions as well as signage be installed for student safety.
  - Michael Welling brought it to the attention of the board and audience that roadway grindings could cause winter weather run-off to contaminate the Silverlake.
  - Nancy Ann Leeder urged citizens to attend the Board of County Commissioners review of the Nuisance Ordinance that is scheduled to be heard on December 8, 2009. The ordinance includes regulations for unregistered vehicles.
5. **SPECIAL BUSINESS** - (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)
  - A. **Echeverria Silver Lake Property Zoning Map Amendment** – In the absence of Andrew Durling, Dave Snelgrove, Wood Rodgers presented the request on the ±289.6 acre subject property (APN 090-030-02; 090-040-02, & 03) is located on the east side of Red Rock Road, ±1,450 feet north of the Red Rock Road/Moya Boulevard intersection, within the Reno Stead Corridor Joint Plan Cooperative Planning area. On behalf of the applicant, The Peter Echeverria Family Ltd. Partnership, we are requesting a Zoning Map Amendment from: General Rural – Reno Stead Corridor Joint Plan (GR-RSCJP) on ±289.6 acres to: PUD on 66.47 acres; OS (Open Space) on ±216.90 acres; and LLR2.5 (Large Lot Residential 2.5 acres) on 4.00 acres. Applicants representative - Andrew D. Durling, AICP Associate, Wood Rodgers, Inc. **MOTION:** Francine Donshick moved to recommend approval of the Echeverria Silver Lake Property Zoning Map Amendment as presented. John White

seconded the motion. The motion carried with Frank Schenk abstaining. Mr. Schenk stated that he would submit his comments and recommendations in writing. Members of the NVNAB provided their comments in writing to City of Reno staff.

#### **Comments and Concerns**

- Ed Hawkins stated for the record that he did not get any response from the applicants representatives to his phone calls. Mr. Hawkins asked that the negative impacts to the retention pond need to be addressed. Mr. Hawkins stated concern regarding negative impacts from this proposed project to the ecological site. In response, Mr. Snelgrove stated that the applicant feels that the proposed project is compatible. Mr. Snelgrove asked Mr. Hawkins to call him to discuss concerns.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Snelgrove stated that the applicant could look at alternative secondary access to the subject property.
- Francine Donshick stated that this application seems to be substantially the same proposed project that the NVCAB had already recommended approval.
- Mr. Snelgrove identified several potential uses that would be compatible with the proposed land uses.
- Sarah Chvilicek asked that the potential for negative impacts from water run-off be addressed.
- Mr. Snelgrove stated that construction of the roadways would be subject to market conditions.
- Mr. Hawkins asked the applicant to address water run-off and flooding issues.
- Michael Welling, resident of Silver Knolls stated concern regarding the amount and source of dirt needed for the site work. Mr. Welling stated concern that the applicant's representatives do not have sufficient details of the proposed project for the community to make a recommendation. Mr. Welling stated that it is premature to make a recommendation on the proposed open space. Mr. Welling was reminded that the development plans would be brought back to the advisory boards upon submission of the applications.
- Edwin Jurdan asked that wildlife protection be addressed by the applicant.
- Sarah Chvilicek thanked the applicants for their efforts to enter into an agreement to preserve open space.

Following agenda item 5. A. Commissioner Kitty Jung was invited to address the boards and the audience. Commissioner Jung urged citizens to adopt homeless animals. Commissioner Jung also urged citizens to provide temporary care of animals that will be available for adoption. Commissioner Jung urged citizens on Cable TV to check their remote controls to see if they can access Washoe County TV. Commissioner Jung stated that new cleaners businesses will not be approved to use carcinogens. Contact Commissioner Jung by calling her at 219-6472.

**B.\* Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Presentation** – Doug Maloy, PE, Project Manager, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and David Dotson, Consultant, Jacobs Engineering and CH2M Hill provided a presentation on the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's progress. The study is evaluating alternatives to relieve traffic congestion on the Pyramid Highway and provide improved connectivity from Pyramid to US 395 and east to Vista Boulevard. Alternatives will be developed and evaluated to provide for today's traffic and anticipated future growth through 2040. This study is an environmental and engineering study being conducted by the RTC on behalf of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For more information, please visit [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com) and click on Hot Topics, Pyramid Highway/U.S. 395 Connection EIS. Following the presentation, the presenters will answer questions from the CAB and NAB members and the public. Following their presentation, Mr. Maloy and Mr. Dotson were available to address questions and concerns. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

#### **Comments and Concerns**

- Questions were raised whether RTC has plans to construct a roadway through Winnemucca Ranch Road and U.S. 395.
- Mr. Dotson stated that this proposed roadway is a part of the master plan for east-west, north-south traffic flows and roadway alignments are intended to address increased traffic flows while taking negative environmental impacts into consideration.
- Concerns were raised regarding whether RTC is considering peak and future increased traffic flows.
- Gary Feero stated concern regarding increase traffic directed onto U.S. 395.
- Nancy Ann Leeder stated concern regarding the negative impacts to residential property in the Sun Valley neighborhood.
- Mr. Dotson stated that RTC has looked at the earlier proposed limited access arterial through the Sun Valley area. RTC will schedule a workshop with the Sun Valley residents to address questions and concerns.
- Questions were raised regarding where rapid transit fits into the master plan.
- Mr. Dotson stated that there is not sufficient density to warrant a rail system.
- In response to questions raised by Koyya Pugh, Mr. Dotson stated that they do not have the details at this time to predict construction costs.
- Mr. Dotson stated that Federal funding will be a resource for construction.

**C. Reno-Stead Joint Corridor Plan** – Claudia Hansen, City of Reno and Roger Pelham, Washoe County were available to hear public input on the possible update to, revision of and / or modification of the text of the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan and the maps contained within it. Chad Giesinger, Washoe County Department of Community Development was available to present information and address questions and concerns. The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from the public to assist in creating a list of potential amendments to the joint plan to be agendaized and noticed for possible adoption at appropriate future public meetings. The joint plan area is generally located on both sides of US 395 between the Golden Valley area and Stead Boulevard. The plan and associated maps are available for the public to review prior to the meeting at [http://www.comdev\\_files/cp/101706\\_reno\\_stead\\_corridor\\_joint\\_plan.pdf](http://www.comdev_files/cp/101706_reno_stead_corridor_joint_plan.pdf). CITY STAFF: Claudia Hanson, Deputy Director, 775.334.2381 Washoe County Staff Representatives: Roger Pelham, Senior Planner, 775.328.3622. Ms. Hanson provided a sign-up sheet and invited citizens to participate in the planning process. **MOTION:** Francine Donshick moved to recommend maintaining the Reno/Stead Joint Corridor Plan and facilitate bringing the plan into compliance with the Regional Plan through community involvement. Frank Schenk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Members of the NVNAB would submit their comments in writing to Reno staff.

#### **Comments and Concerns**

- Questions were raised regarding why it took so long for Reno staff and Washoe County staff to coordinate a hearing for a proposal from George Peek.
- Ms. Hanson stated that it is difficult to coordinate meetings with each entity.
- Sarah Chvilicek stated that staff needs to realize that the entities have elected representatives that need to answer to citizens and be available to work with citizens.
- Mr. Giesinger reviewed the history and intent of the Joint Plan and the planning process.
- Ms. Chvilicek stated that she supports joint planning and recommends cleaning up the plan and bringing it into conformity. The process is disingenuous to hearing public input when noticing is subject to lines that determine whether property owners will or will not be notified of applications. It is also disingenuous when the entities use budget constraints as a reason for not noticing property owners that will be impacted by development projects. This is a joint corridor is critical enough that public input needs to be heard. The City of Reno has not been acting as a good neighbor when they do not publicly notice impacted unincorporated Washoe County property owners and ignore public input.
- Francine Donshick in agreement with Ms. Chvilicek stated that the joint corridor plan needs to stay in place and citizens within the County and City need to be involved in the planning process for any development within the joint corridor. Ms. Hanson agreed that any proposed projects need to be noticed and brought before the NVCAB for review.
- Frank Schenk stated concern that City of Reno's elected officials ignore comments coming from county residents on any development projects.
- Mark Gallegos stated opposition to the 750 foot noticing rule and supported increasing the noticing beyond the minimums.
- John White commented on the background of the joint corridor planning process and laws should coincide with what citizens want.
- Earl Walling agreed with the preceding comments and supported increased opportunities for citizens comments to be heard.
- Ms. Chvilicek reiterated that the joint plan needs to be brought into conformity with the specific plan and the spirit of the document needs to be kept in place. Support was stated for developing a glossary of terms and a common language for Washoe County, City of Reno and City of Sparks that citizens can understand.
- Commissioner Bonnie Weber urged everyone to work as a team in the development planning process. Commissioner Weber supported expanded noticing levels to include all residents within the impacted area.
- Ms. Chvilicek stated that citizens are showing a willingness to work together and entities need to do the same.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Hanson and Mr. Giesinger identified neighborhood plans which are in the City of Reno or within the city sphere of influence.
- Suzanne Robbins stated concern that the corridor along North Virginia needs a plan that provides positive visual impacts for residential neighbors and keeps its market values and desirability for property owners
- Ms. Chvilicek noted that two properties developed within the TOD (Transit Oriented Development) are now vacant and the property owners need to be held accountable to keep the properties in repair.
- Gary Feero stated for the record that the Reno-Stead Corridor plan was to guarantee that residents in the county have a voice in the planning process. The Joint Corridor plan was found in compliance in 1998. The TOD corridor does not align with the intended uses particularly when it aligns through an industrial corridor.
- Michael Welling emphasized that this planning process is important to residents and stated concern that the City of Reno does not comply with their own stated standards as posted on the City web-site. Mr. Welling stated concern that residents in the unincorporated areas of Washoe County will be absorbed into the city boundaries and will be subject to high densities. Mr. Welling asked that public notices be posted in different

colors to differentiate between types of proposed projects and changes to meeting dates and locations. Mr. Welling also objected to the City of Reno creating islands and then requiring annexation into the city. Mr. Welling stated that the corridor needs to stay in place.

- Dave Snelgrove asked that plans within the joint corridor be presented on specific dates. Mr. Snelgrove suggested that joint plans could be submitted for review on a quarterly basis. Mr. Snelgrove supported having a consistent set of rules for developers to follow including the 2 map system.
- Gary Neilson supported keeping the joint planning process and also stated that the county has been 'walked all over us' by the city. Mr. Neilson stated that when they went to the City of Reno, they were ignored because they were not residents of the city.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Giesinger provided information on the Sphere of Influence (SOI). The City has planning jurisdiction for the development within the SOI.
- Greg Peek reviewed the background of development of his property and committed to bringing any development project to the NVCAB and NVNAB. g as submitted. Linda Walls seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Hanson stated that she hopes to have some working groups to develop neighborhood plans.
- Ms. Chvilicek stated that the boundaries of the joint corridor plan could be expanded to include more property owners.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. FOR THE NVCAB MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009. – MOTION:** Francine Donshick moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting as submitted. Linda Walls seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. FOR THE NVNAB MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2009. – MOTION:** (Name of the motion maker was not provided for the record) moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 meeting as submitted. (Name of the motion maker was not provided for the record)The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **7.\* REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates will be informational only and no action will be taken and will be limited to five minutes each.

**A. UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – CAB files and correspondence which are part of the public record are on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review. Written correspondence and testimony will be included in the public record when a request is made to make the document a part of the public record and when a copy is provided to the CAB Chair, who forwards the document to the County.

### **Comments and Concerns**

- Commissioner Bonnie Weber invited everyone to attend the Coffee with Commissioner Weber the third Saturday of each month.

**B. WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – A representative of the Sheriff's Office was not available to present a report on public safety issues within the CAB's area, to include recent calls for service. Please refer to the County Updates provided online at: [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to the North Valleys CAB).

**C. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – John Howe, Silver Knolls announced that open burning season is closed. A representative of the Reno Fire Department and/or the Lemmon Valley Volunteer Fire Department was not available to present a report on fire safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service and information related to residential fire safety. Please refer to the County Updates provided online at [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to the North Valleys CAB).

**D. STEAD AIRPORT UPDATE** – Skip Polak, Stead Airport Manager supported that format of this evenings meeting. Mr. Polak reported that the Army and Air Force are holding maneuvers locally. Call 328-6570 to report any disturbances from flights over their homes. Mr. Polak reported that he recently attended the Job Corps open house and complimented the students and instructors.

**E. SIERRA NEVADA JOB CORPS UPDATE** – Helena Sina, Sierra Nevada Job Corps was available to present a report on activities at the Sierra Nevada Job Corp. Ms. Sina reported on an event held in conjunction with the Sparks Kiwanis. 20 students have completed their CERT certifications. Students are working with habitat for humanity and involved in other community projects. Call Ms. Sina at 789-0803 with questions and concerns.

## **8.\* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

**A. Next NVCAB Agenda Items:-** Francine Donshick stated that this meeting room is very cold. Sarah Chvilicek asked that the ladder truck for Station 15 be added to the next agenda.

**B. Future NVNAB Agenda Items:** Station 15 Ladder Truck, Utility Corridor Update and Update on the WalMart site.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT** – Francine Donshick moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. Kate McGrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary



# SPANISH SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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The special meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held January 13, 2010 at the Lazy 5 Regional Park - 7100 Pyramid Lake Road, Spanish Springs, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Max Bartmess, Acting Chair. Max Bartmess led the salute to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Max Bartmess, Vice Chair, John Bilka, At-Large, Edward Goodrich, Alternate CAC - City of Sparks, Richard Johnstone, At Large, Greg Prough, At Large, Darcy Smernis, At Large and Nick Zufelt, At-Large  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Steve Grosz, Chair., At-Large, excused and Kevin Roukey, At Large Alternate
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Greg Prough moved to approve the January 13, 2010 agenda as posted. Nick Zufelt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Greg Prough moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting as submitted. John Bilka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.\* **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on this agenda and will also be limited to three minutes per person. This three-minute rule shall also apply to public testimony given during an agenda item. The Chair may modify this time limit for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time per person shall be no less than two minutes. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB as a whole.
  - Garth Elliott reported that he returned home to find six Washoe County Deputies on his porch who were responding to a theft of a neighbor's dog complaint. Mr. Elliott stated concern that so many Deputies responded to the call when the call should have been reported to Animal Control. Mr. Elliott urged citizens to consider the record of elected officials when electing new Washoe County Commissioners and other elected officials.
  - Gary Schmidt introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for the local State Senate seat. Mr. Schmidt urged citizens to consider a change in elected state and local officials when elections are held. Mr. Schmidt urged citizens to review their property taxes and present an appeal to the Board of Equalization.
  - Max Bartmess asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 6.\* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATES** –
  - A. Commissioner Robert Larkin was available to address questions from the audience and reported that the Washoe County Board of Commissioners will hold a Strategic Planning Retreat on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., at the Washoe County Health Department Building - North/South Auditorium, 1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, Nevada
  - B. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) (775) 328-2720. To sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written County updates are available online at [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).
- 7.\* **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – (CAB files and correspondence which are part of the public record are on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review. Written correspondence and testimony will be included in the public record when a request is made to make the document a part of the public record and when a copy is provided to the CAB Chair, who forwards the document to the County. Copies of correspondence should be on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review). There were no updates, announcements or correspondence presented.
  - Battalion Chief Joe DuRousseau, Reno Fire Department presented updated information on the status of fire protection including the locations of fire equipment and apparatus. Chief DuRousseau reported that there will be an increase in response times for the Spanish Springs valley. Chief DuRousseau stated that the contract read that there would be no lay-offs unless the economy warrants reductions in costs.
- 8.\* **ACTION PLAN/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - **Parks Issues and Updates** – John Bradbury thanked everyone who attended the crafts fair. They raised nearly one thousand dollars to donate to the park. Mr. Bradbury also reported that five tons of recycle telephone books were collected at the Lazy 5 Regional Park. Mr. Bradbury announced that there will be free gardening seminars at the Bartley Ranch Park. The meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
  - **Search and Rescue** – Max Bartmess reported that practice searches have been held over the last two months. Mr. Bartmess reported on an emergency landing at the Spanish Springs airport
  - **Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)** – Edward Goodrich reported that the Sparks CAC did not have a meeting in December and new members to serve on the CAC have yet to be appointed.

**9. NEW BUSINESS** - (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)

**A.\* Conversion From a One-Map Based Planning System to a Two-Map Based Planning System** – Eric Young, Ph.D., Planner, Department of Community Development presented information on the conversion of the county's current planning system which relies on one map to represent both the master plan and zoning to a system that utilizes separate master plan and zoning maps. Dr. Young will discuss the reasons for the transition, provide some details on how the new system would function, and answer any questions. There will be a community wide public review in February. Information on the dates and times for the presentations will be announced. Dr. Young stated that the first presentation to the Planning Commission will be in June and, if approved, will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Dr. Young provided printed PowerPoint information for review. Dr. Young stated that information is available on the Washoe County web-site. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- Concerns were raised that this process would be costly to taxpayers what benefit it is to citizens.
- Questions were raised whether the change would be cost effective now and in the future.
- Dr. Young stated that there would not be any additional cost for the planning and presentation process for staff but there would be costs of mailing/noticing to citizens.

**B.\* Washoe County Regional Open Space and Natural Resources Management Plan** – Jennifer Budge, Park Planner (823-6513) Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space and presented the 2008 Regional Open Space and Natural Resources Management Plan as it pertains to open space in Spanish Springs. Topics may include existing open space, future plans for property acquisitions, and potential coordination with the Bureau of Land Management at the Spanish Springs Airport site. Following her presentation, Ms. Budge addressed questions and concerns. Lynda Nelson, Planning Manager (823-6511) can be contacted with questions. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- Ms. Budge identified the property designated as open space on the master plan map and addressed questions regarding the lease and potential purchase process.
- Questions were raised regarding potential recreational uses of the adjacent property. Ms. Budge stated that they want to file the intent with BLM in order to prevent the property to be disposed of in the future.
- Concerns were raised regarding possible illegal use of the trails by motorized bike riders.

**C.\* Notification to Property Owners Regarding Martin Murietta's Proposed Use of Explosives at the Spanish Springs Aggregate Pit** – Pierre Hascheff presented an overview of the blasting protocols and the plan regarding their proposed use of explosives at the Spanish Springs Aggregate Pit (APN 89-160-08) sometime during February 2010. The aggregate pit was originally approved under Major Project Review Case No. MPR7-6-88. Condition #16 of the approved permit requires the applicant to notify all affected property owners prior to any use of explosives and post warning signs specifying the dates and times of explosives use. The pit is located at the west end of Sha Neva Road, approximately one mile west of State Route 445 (Pyramid Highway). Following the presentation, representatives of Martin Marietta would address questions and concerns from the CAB members and the public, and Shelby Olsen was available to answer questions not related to blasting. Mr. Hascheff stated that they will notify mailed notices to possible impacted residential properties. Mr. Hascheff stated that the Spanish Springs Airport is the closest adjacent property. Blasting should occur from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mr. Hascheff stated that they will come back to the CAB when blasting commences. Mr. Hascheff introduced James Nicholson, Senior Environmental Engineer, Kim Duvall, Plant Manager, and Joe Threatte, Blasting Program Technician who were available to address questions and concerns. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Hascheff stated that they would not be blasting in Stormy Canyon. The plan is to blast only when it is needed and not necessarily each day. They will have a seismograph to measure the blasting impacts.
- The applicant was not able to provide exact quantities of blasting materials, nor the total area that would be blasted.
- The applicant was encouraged to invite students from the University to observe the blasting.
- Max Bartmess discussed the plan to notify pilots of the blasting events.
- The applicant was asked to notify the Chairs of adjacent HOA's so they can notify the residents.
- Mr. Hascheff stated that the Health Department will be notified of the blasting and request direction for handling dust controls.
- Concerns were raised regarding negative impacts to dwellings including new drywall cracks and excessive noise.
- Greg Prough stated for the record that blasting should not negatively impact structures beyond 3000 foot distance.

- A representative from the Sparks Tribune who was in attendance, offered to provide notification of scheduled blasting.

**D.\* Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study Presentation** – Doug Maloy, P.E. Regional Transportation Commission and Bryan Gant, Jacobs Engineering provided information by PowerPoint on the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's progress. The study is evaluating alternatives to relieve traffic congestion on the Pyramid Highway and provide improved connectivity from Pyramid to US 395 and east to Vista Boulevard. Alternatives will be developed and evaluated to provide for today's traffic and anticipated future growth through 2040. This study is an environmental and engineering study being conducted by the RTC on behalf of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For more information, please visit [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com) and click on **Hot Topics, Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection EIS**. Following the presentation, Mr. Maloy and Mr. Gant were available to answer questions from the CAB and NAB members and the public. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

**E. Pedestrian Access** – Due to the late hour, this item was postponed to the March agenda. Discussion and possible recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the lack of safe pedestrian access to local shopping centers and to the Lazy 5 Regional Park.

**F. Spanish Springs Area Plan Update** – Due to the late hour, this item was postponed to the March agenda. Eric Young, Ph. D, Planner, Department of Community Development, will be present to listen to CAB concerns and possible recommendations regarding the timing and scope of future Spanish Springs Area Plan updates and more narrowly-focused amendments. The discussion will include a review of the differences between pursuing narrowly-focused amendments vs. pursuing broad-based updates.

**10. OLD BUSINESS** – There were no Old Business items scheduled for review.

**11.\*CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS** - (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.)

- **Next Agenda Items:** Spanish Springs Area Plan Update and Pedestrian Access

**12. ADJOURNMENT** – Greg Prough moved to adjourn the meeting at 10 04 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary



# SUN VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



## DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held April 10, 2010, at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Lancaster called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was heard and a quorum of five members was determined. Chairperson Lancaster requested a moment of silence in memory of the passing of James Georges' wife.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patricia Lancaster (Chairperson), Warren Brighton, Jim Brunson, Bruce England, Linda Woodland  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – James Georges (excused)
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2010** – Linda Woodland moved to approve the April 10, 2010 meeting agenda. Warren Brighton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 13, 2010** – Warren Brighton moved to approve the March 13, 2010 meeting minutes. Bruce England seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention from Linda Woodland.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - A. Brenda Hess, Director, Family Resource Center, announced today would be the last Saturday to receive assistance with completing taxes. She reported approximately 130 taxes were completed to-date in the Sun Valley area with \$150,000 in refunds. During the first quarter of this year, the Center has served over 611 individuals. The Prescription Drug Round-Up event will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The "Give Kids A Boost" event will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers for the event were welcomed. Handouts regarding both events were made available.  
**Concerns/Comments**
    - Garth Elliott commented on an elderly gentleman in the area who has to travel to the city to obtain his GED. He asked if GED programs could be made available in the Sun Valley area. Ms. Hess reported both GED and ESL classes were held in the area for years in partnership with Northern Nevada Literacy until funding was lost for outreach.
  - B. Garth Elliott announced he was running for County Commissioner District 5.
  - C. John Jackson announced the grand opening of "God's Clothes Closet" will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 in the Blue Building. Everyone was invited to attend. "God's Clothes Closet" will open regularly on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
  - D. Susan Severt announced the annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Gepford Park. Admission is \$4. A family of three can eat for \$10. The "Pitch, Run and Throw" contest will follow for children up to 16 years old.
6. **REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates will be limited to five (5) minutes each. Speakers are requested to sign in and move to the front of the meeting area to speak.
  - A.\* **Chair/Board Member Items** – There were no Chair/Board Member items presented.
  - B.\* **Updates/Announcements/Correspondence** – Member Brighton made the following announcements:
    - ❖ An Open House will be held with all CABs to discuss development code definitions. Chad Eslinger, Senior Planner and Adrian Freud can be contacted for more information.
    - ❖ Residential and Free Dump Days will be scheduled for April to allow individuals to dispose of bulky household items free of charge and municipal solid waste at a reduced rate. For more information, individuals can call 329-8822.
    - ❖ Free Dump Days at Lockwood will be held on April 1-3, April 15-17, and April 29, 30 and May 1, 2010. They will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
    - ❖ The Washoe County Commission will be holding another budget meeting on Monday, April 12, 2010.
    - ❖ The Nevada Humane Society will be holding a special event for cat owners in the Sun Valley area. There will be a \$10 fee for spay and neutering.
    - ❖ Community Development was looking for CAB recruitments.
  - Concerns/Comments**
    - Chairperson Lancaster noted two shots were recommended for cats at \$5 each. Appointments were needed.
    - Garth Elliott encouraged individuals to inform residents of the Nevada Humane Society event.
  - C.\* **County Commissioner/Community Liaison Updates** – Commissioner Bonnie Weber or Commissioner Kitty Jung may be present for an update on County issues.
    1. "Coffee with Commissioner Weber" is held at 10:00 a.m., the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at the Sierra Sage Golf Course, 6355 Silver Lake Road in Stead.

2. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) or at (775)328-2720. To sign up to receive e-mail updates from the county visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written county updates are available online at: [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).

Washoe County Commissioner Kitty Jung reported the following:

- ❖ Individuals that cannot attend the Prescription Drug Round Up event can properly dispose of prescription drugs in the trash with coffee grounds or cat litter.
- ❖ She donated business suits to the community clothing drive event.
- ❖ She will provide a hard copy of budget hearing information to the NABs and CABs she represents for input.
- ❖ The County Commission will hear a presentation regarding animal trapping laws along congested areas in Washoe County on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at time certain of 5:45 p.m. Commissioner Jung noted trapping season ended March 31, 2010.

Washoe County Commissioner Bonnie Weber apologized for not being in attendance for the past few months due to her mother's illness. She reported the following:

- ❖ Her "Coffee and Conversation with the Commissioner" was still being held the third Saturday of the month beginning at 10:00 a.m. The next event will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m.
- ❖ She will look into establishing a GED program in the Sun Valley area.
- ❖ NACO Prescription Drug Cards will be made available to Sun Valley residents and can also be used for pet prescriptions. The National Association of Counties will also be developing a discounted dental program.
- ❖ Sierra Sage Golf Course was in operation and doing very well. Lower rates were being offered to returning golfers. The biggest turn-out occurred during the Presidents' holiday. Commissioner Weber commended the GID for their efforts in the community.
- ❖ Commissioner Weber encouraged residents to provide input regarding ways to combat recent budget cuts.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- On an unrelated issue, Susan Severt reported a repair service was being contracted to repair the clock tower, but a timeline on the repair work has not been provided. She noted she sent an e-mail regarding other clock damage that needs to be repaired. Discussion was heard regarding the lack of County Commission effort on this issue.
- Board member Brunson stated he had a complaint about the alarm fee being processed in Colorado. He asked why Nevada residents could not be tasked with this job. Commissioner Jung stated that issue was presented to the County Commission, but there was no local business eligible to perform the task. The Commission would conduct another review of the ordinance due to additional concerns. Board member Brunson noted his only issue was that the money was going out of state.
- Robert Fink pointed out the single tower design was to resemble a tree under the special use permit.
- Commissioner Weber noted she held a meeting regarding the clock tower after the last Sun Valley CAB meeting. She commented that it was her understanding that Susan Severt would be in charge of this issue.
- Susan Severt noted Community Development and Tower Co. were beginning to address the clock tower issue. She reported residents had requested the other single tower have a flag on it or be designed as a tree, but the issue was dropped as it went through the process.
- In response to Mr. Fink's comments, Commissioner Weber agreed the special use permit for the single tower should be researched and carried out. She reported she spoke to Community Development about Sandy Monsalve's needed involvement in the clock tower issue.
- Susan Severt commended the County Commission for addressing the illegal dumping issue. She reported there would be a clean-up event in the Sun Valley area on Saturday, May 8, 2010. Individuals can volunteer for the event at [Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful.com](http://KeepTruckeeMeadowsBeautiful.com).
- Board member Brighton pointed out Susan Severt was not a County employee with the legal authority to enforce agreements. Commissioner Weber expressed appreciation for Ms. Severt and Mr. Fink's assistance by providing history on this issue.

Assemblywoman Debbie Smith for Assembly District 30 reported the economy was slowly improving. A Bill was passed during the special session in September to create road jobs. She reviewed upcoming renewable energy projects.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Board member Brighton commented on restrictions in State law regarding investments, which could be used to generate a new source of income for the State. He expressed concern about imposing taxes, especially on Nevada's Mining Industry. Assemblywoman Smith stated the mining issue was a constitutional issue.
- Board member Brunson commented that taxing Nevada's Mining Industry would keep revenue from that industry in the State.
- John Jackson commented on the length of time it takes to do business at the DMV, which may prevent individuals from obtaining current driver's licenses. Assemblywoman Smith explained the problem was due to

a combination of budget cuts, which closed some DMV offices and the Real ID Program, which requires individuals to show up in person with documentation. She commented that she can be contacted directly if an individual has an issue that requires supervisory assistance. She stated for the record that she was not a fan of the Real ID Program and that the Legislative Commission will discuss the issue in May and may decide to suspend the program, if they have the authority to do so.

- Robert Fink commented on the importance of investing in the State.

**D.\* Reno Fire Safety Update** – There was no one in attendance to present a report.

**E.\* Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – There was no one in attendance to present a report.

**F.\* GID Update** – Board member Woodland read the following statement from Darrin Price:

"Hello Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board Members:

Water – The Sun Valley General Improvement District takes every measure to ensure the water coming out of your tap is safe for consumption and meets all State and Federal regulations. On a monthly basis we take 15 water samples from designated sites throughout the valley for regulatory compliance to monitor the quality of the drinking water and to identify any indicators of potential contamination. On March 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 the results of one of 15 samples came back positive for E Coli. The results of this one sample alone did not determine that there was any contamination in the water distribution system, but there was a potential that there could be. The G.I.D. staff immediately began the process of re-sampling at the positive site and an additional two sites, one upstream and one downstream of the location. Working directly with Washoe County Health Department a Boil Water Warning was issued to the entire Sun Valley G.I.D. Service Territory as a precautionary measure for the protection of the residents until we could verify through the second set of samples that there was truly an issue with the water or that it was safe for consumption. The results of the second set of sampling came back negative for E Coli or any other indicators of possible pathogenic organisms and the Boil Water Warning was lifted. To verify the second set of results we again re-sampled the same three locations and the results again came back negative. The extensive testing proved that there was never any contamination to the water supply. We apologize for any inconvenience to our customers caused by the Boil Water Warning but it was a precautionary measure taken to ensure the safety of the public. The Sun Valley GID buys water wholesale from TMWA (Truckee Meadows Water Authority) and is subject to any rate increases that are passed down from this organization similar to when NV Energy imposes an electrical rate increase. In March of this year, the TMWA Board of Directors voted to raise rates to all its customers 4-5%. As the Sun Valley GID is currently in the budget process, we are looking at ways to mitigate passing this expense on to our customers.

Wastewater – The District has recently completed cleaning and flushing the entire wastewater collection system.

Solid Waste – A reminder that the District operates its solid waste program under Washoe County's franchise agreement with Waste Management. We have no control over rate increases or service problems other than to lobby our county representatives.

Recreation – The new recreation fee has been billed to customers of the District and we are preparing to operate and maintain Sun Valley's recreation including the pool, parks, and all the buildings including the Neighborhood Center building. The Sun Valley GID Board of Trustees has established a discount for qualified customers. Those customers who are disabled or meet low-income qualifications can receive a 100% discount. Seniors (65 or older) can apply and receive a 20% discount. The discount will apply to the monthly recreation fee. The Sun Valley GID partnered with Washoe County Parks and Recreation to apply for a park improvement grant and we were successful in obtaining \$240,000 dollars for improvements to the Sun Valley Pool. Construction on these improvements will begin this month and be done in time for the upcoming swim season."

Board member Woodland noted applications for discounts were available on the back table.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Robert Fink commented that the \$3 recreation fee was a pool fee.
- Garth Elliott commented that Sun Valley residents were upset with "double-dipping" or having to pay Washoe County taxes and GID fees. He stated he would like the Sun Valley area to become its own city under the GID.

**7. OLD BUSINESS** – There was no Old Business agenda item for review.

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.\* Washoe County Building & Safety Department Programs** – Don Jeppson, County Building Official, from the Building & Safety Department will be in attendance to present two new Building & Safety Department Programs. The "Got Permits" Program is to educate the public about when permits are required and the value of having required permits. The Residential Amnesty Program beginning May 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010 will allow homeowners to obtain permits without additional penalties for projects completed without a permit and to have information recorded about the unpermitted work against the property. Penalties for work completed without a permit will be significantly increased and strictly enforced after conclusion of the program. This item is informational only; no action will be taken by the CAB.

Don Jeppson, Director, Washoe County Department of Building & Safety, made available information regarding the "Got Permits" Program. He explained the Residential Permit Amnesty Program will run from May 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010 and will waive penalties for home owners who have had work completed on their homes without obtaining permits. He commented on licensed contractors completing work without permits and stated the EZ Permit Program

was for individuals to easily submit applications and obtain permits by fax, e-mail, or in the mail and to pay permit fees over the phone by credit card. They were working with Lowe's and Home Depot on educating the public about the importance of obtaining permits. Mr. Jeppson reviewed some home improvement projects that require permits. He added insurance companies have indicated they may not pay off claims for damage done from work that did not have permits. He noted the Building and Safety Department primarily deals with structures and that Washoe County does not require permits for paving or decks as long as it's not more than thirty inches off the ground.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Board member England asked about consequences for individuals who do not obtain permits. Mr. Jeppson stated the Department tries to work with home owners and also issues citations and warnings. They would look into increasing penalty fees for licensed contractors that complete work without permits and impose administrative fees against a property through the Nuisance Ordinance and Administrative Enforcement Code.
- Discussion followed about the difference between built homes and mobile homes that needed to be in compliance with the State and the need to streamline the code.
- Susan Severt stated residents completed work without permits because of the "run-around" they got from the Department a couple of years ago. She commended the Amnesty Program, but stated individuals will not turn themselves in for fear of retribution. She commented on the need for completing inspections on fences after issuing permits.
- John Jackson asked if the Building & Safety Department works with the Assessor's Office. Mr. Jeppson replied no.
- Gary Schmidt questioned what is considered a structure and commented on the safety of structures with campaign signage.

**B. Update on the Improvements to El Rancho Drive** – The Sun Valley CAB may provide a written recommendation to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners expressing the Sun Valley community's reaction to the road improvements to El Rancho Drive between Sun Valley Boulevard and McCarran Boulevard. The improvements are safety related and will change El Rancho Drive from 4 lanes in this area (2 travel lanes each direction) to 3 lanes (1 travel lane each direction, a center turn lane, and 2 bike lanes). Garth Oksol, Project Manager with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC).

Garth Oksol, Project Manager, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), reported nighttime work would begin in May and that 265 survey notices were issued and 14 responses were received, which is considered a statistically valid survey.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Susan Severt stated that many individuals in the community were upset with the project because of the way it was advertised, because the merging lane is not clearly marked, and because construction material has been left on the site. Mr. Oksol explained temporary striping was put down because of the delay in federal funding for the project. He stated he would contact the City of Sparks regarding storage of material on the site.
- Discussion was heard regarding concern about reducing four lanes to two lanes and including bike lanes.
- A suggestion was made to widen lanes to allow vehicles to go around buses. Mr. Oksol commented that areas had been widened in the past to allow vehicles to go around buses, but had been reduced because vehicles were not allowing buses back into the flow of traffic after stops.

Warren Brighton moved to recommend that the area go back to four lanes from El Rancho Drive/McCarran to Sun Valley Boulevard. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Project** - The Sun Valley CAB may provide a written recommendation to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners expressing the Sun Valley community's reaction to the proposed road improvements to the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection project. The proposed Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection project will address the following: (1) existing congestion problems on Pyramid Highway; (2) existing and forecasted population growth; (3) existing travel inefficiencies; (4) safety concerns on Pyramid Highway; (5) existing and future mobility and access needs, and (6) consistency with regional and local planning efforts. Doug Maloy, Project Manager with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC).

Doug Maloy, Project Manager, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), explained the project was on hold because RTC was again reviewing population forecasts in the region. A new traffic demand model was being developed based on information received that there would be less population.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Chairperson Lancaster reported the community does not believe that cutting through the lower part of the valley is not sensible because land would be taken and because of the increased traffic congestion in the area. It was suggested the project be re-routed north where there would be less impact.
- Discussion was heard regarding the negative impact the project would have in the area.
- Tom Greco, Senior Planner, RTC, stated for the record that he moved to the Sun Valley area in 1951. He provided background on the RTC's Regional Plan. He noted a Sun Valley arterial plan was included in the 2030 Plan and would be built by 2018, but additional roadway capacity was needed in order to meet demand.

- Chairperson Lancaster commented that the need was there with the 2004 Plan, but the problem is that the focus is on the south. She asked about the impact the project would have if built to the north. Mr. Greco explained alternative roadways were being analyzed, but studies have shown individuals will not deviate from the direction they are traveling in even if there was less of a delay in doing so.
- Board member Woodland commented on the increased traffic congestion since the installation of Highland Ranch Road and the additional traffic from the Spanish Springs area if this project is completed.
- John Jackson commented that if a project to direct traffic north is not done now there will be a significant traffic problem in the future. Mr. Maloy stated more work still needs to be done in developing the project and that he would present more information to the Board at a future meeting, if requested.
- Chairperson Lancaster requested this item be re-agendized for the July meeting under Old Business.

Warren Brighton moved to inform the County Commission that the position of the SV CAB is for the project connection to go from Pyramid Highway to 395 north of Sun Valley. Jim Brunson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

On an unrelated issue, Chairperson Lancaster announced there were flyers on the back table regarding donating to Brandon Ramirez's trip to the Junior National Young Leaders Conference. She noted \$2,300 was needed to be raised for the trip. She reminded individuals to contact Community Development if interested in serving on the SV CAB.

#### **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Future agenda items include: (a)** Pyramid Highway/395 Connection Project (under Old Business)

**10. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m. Linda Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting. Warren Brighton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

# SUN VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



## DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held January 8, 2011, at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Brighton called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
  2. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was heard and a quorum of five members was determined.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Warren Brighton (Chairperson), John Jackson, Bruce England, James Georges, Jim Brunson  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Pat Lancaster (excused), Linda Woodland (excused)
  3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2011** – John Jackson moved to approve the January 8, 2011 meeting agenda. Bruce England seconded the motion. The motion carried.
  4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2010** – James Georges moved to approve the November 13, 2010 meeting minutes. Jim Brunson seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention from John Jackson.
  5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
    - A. Jesse Dorum, Boy Scout Troop 585, stated they were leading the Pledge of Allegiance for their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.
    - B. Garth Elliott encouraged residents need to speak out about the 395 project. In his opinion, a bounty should be placed on graffiti taggers. Sun Valley property owners should appeal property taxes because assessed values were approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 too high. Appeals can be filed by January 15, 2011.
  6. **REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates will be limited to five (5) minutes each. Speakers are requested to sign in and move to the front of the meeting area to speak.
    - A.\* **Chair/Board Member Items** – Board member Jackson reported the Sun Valley Food Bank would now be open only on the first, third and fifth Mondays of the month rather than every Monday. Chairperson Brighton reported the following:
      - The Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space was inviting a CAB representative to assist with determining community planning events for the grant money being received for Red Hill from the National Park Services, Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program.
      - The Attorney General's Office was alerting consumers of a property deed scam.
      - The Washoe County School District would be hosting a Sun Valley community meeting on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center to discuss the future of schools in the Sun Valley area. Chairperson Brighton could be contacted for more information.
    - B.\* **Updates/Announcements/Correspondence** – There was no information to report.
    - C.\* **County Commissioner/Community Liaison Updates** – Commissioner Bonnie Weber or Commissioner Kitty Jung may be present for an update on County issues.
      1. "Coffee with Commissioner Weber" is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Sierra Sage Golf Course, 6355 Silver Lake Road in Stead.
      2. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) or at (775)328-2720. To sign up to receive e-mail updates from the county visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written county updates are available online at: [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).
- There was no one in attendance to present a report. Board member England stated the "Coffee with Commissioner Weber" events would now be held at the Community Center in Golden Valley.
- D.\* **Reno Fire Safety Update** – There was no one in attendance to present a report. Garth Elliott commented on the slow response to fires due to the "brown out" of fire stations in the area. He encouraged residents to contact the County Commissioners about eliminating this practice.
  - E.\* **Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – Deputy John Edwards reviewed calls for service. He reported all suspects have been arrested for the robberies that have occurred at the 7-11. There has been a rash of vehicle burglaries in the area due to unlocked vehicles. He reminded residents to lock their vehicles and residences.
  - F.\* **GID Update** – There was no one in attendance to present a report. Chairperson Brighton mentioned RTC meetings will be held at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 regarding the 395 project.
7. **NEW BUSINESS** – (The Staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)
  - A.\* **Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District (CTMRD) Contaminant Boundary Update** – Chris Benedict, Remediation District Program Manager for the Washoe County Department of Water Resources will provide an overview of the CTMRD program, the District's current and proposed contaminant boundaries and the resulting fee

changes. There will be a brief presentation, after which Mr. Benedict will answer questions and receive comments from the CAB and audience. This proposal is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2011. (This item is informational only and the CAB will take no action.)

Chris Benedict, Remediation District Program Manager, Washoe County Department of Water Resources, stated he wanted to provide an update before it would be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in May. An update would be provided to all of the NABs and CABs within the boundary area. He distributed a handout regarding the proposed changes. He stated the Remediation District was created in 1995 to address widespread ground water contamination problems. The service area boundary covers the entire Truckee Meadows and some of the outlying valleys that are serviced by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA). With a presentation map, he reviewed the proposed change to the contaminant boundary. He stated the change was needed because either there was no longer a contaminant or because it was being addressed by the State. There would also be a \$2 increase in remediation fees.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Board member Jackson commented that the most contaminated areas were in the downtown Reno-Sparks area. He asked why TMWA customers outside of the contaminated area would have remediation fees increased when there was not a vote to increase the tax. Mr. Benedict stated that was a policy issue. He explained remediation fees were for all residents within the service area because the service area was supported by ground water during emergencies. Board member Jackson commented that it was his understanding the contaminated wells were closed. He asked if they were still being used. Mr. Benedict stated they were still being used and were a part of TMWA's distribution system.
- Susan Severt asked why remediation fees were being increased if the contaminated areas were being decreased. Mr. Benedict mentioned residents within the contaminated area pay a higher remediation fee than residents outside the contaminated area and that fees may stay the same if the program's budget is reduced.
- Garth Elliott commented on Ken Stover's desire to find the individuals who contaminate a water source. He encouraged residents to e-mail Dick Gammick about pursuing the individuals who caused the contamination rather than making the residents pay for the problem. Mr. Benedict commented on a similar water problem in California whereby individuals were sued, but to-date the water problem is still prevalent. He stated Washoe County's approach has been to fix the water problem first and then work towards identifying the responsible parties and going after them.
- Board member England stated he did not understand why fees were being increased for residents outside of the contaminated area and lowered for residents inside the contaminated area and why individuals responsible for the contamination cannot be sued. Mr. Benedict explained fees are higher for residents within the contaminated area and that fees will be lowered once residents are no longer within the contaminated area and the difficulty with identifying individuals responsible for the contamination.
- Board member Jackson asked if there were lawsuits against gas and oil organizations who contributed to the contamination. Mr. Benedict stated that is a different issue. The Remediation District Program deals only with PCE.
- Susan Severt asked if remediation fees would continue as the contaminated area continues to be reduced. Mr. Benedict stated the intent of the program was to fix the problem indefinitely.
- A question was asked about the location of residents who pay remediation fees. Mr. Benedict stated residents within the TMWA service area pay into the program.
- Chairperson Brighton asked about meeting dates for presentation of this item. Mr. Benedict stated there would be a series of public hearings. The first public hearing is in May. Boundaries and fees would be proposed to the County Commission in May for final approval in June. Chairperson Brighton requested the final proposal be presented to the Board at a future CAB meeting. It was discussed that the final proposal would be presented to the Board during the May CAB meeting.

**B.\* Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study** – Representatives from the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC), and its consultants Jacobs Engineering and CH2M HILL, will provide a brief update on the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's progress and provide information regarding an upcoming community workshop to be held in Sun Valley on January 19, 2011. The purpose of the workshop is to share information and seek community input. The study is evaluating alternatives to relieve congestion on the Pyramid Highway and provide improved connectivity from Pyramid to US 395 and east to Vista Boulevard. Alternatives are being developed and evaluated to provide for today's traffic and anticipated future growth through 2030. This study is an environmental and engineering study being conducted in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For more information, please visit [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com) and click on Hot Topics, Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection EIS. (This item is informational only and no action will be taken.)

There was no one in attendance to present this item at this time. This item was addressed later in the meeting.

**C.\* Legislative Presentation** – Debbie Smith, Legislative representative, will be in attendance to present Legislative issues for discussion before the next legislative session is to begin. (This item is informational only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

There was no one in attendance to present this item at this time. This item was addressed later in the meeting.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

**A.\* Update on Repairs to Damaged Clock Tower** – Warren Brighton will provide an update on the needed repairs to the clock tower that was damaged during the storms in December. (This item is informational only and no action will be taken.)

Chairperson Brighton read the following e-mail excerpt from David Hockey:

"Our operations team has confirmed that it is going to take 5 weeks to fabricate and construct the new clock face panels, and then another week to ship out to Nevada. I'd build about another 3-4 days into that in order to have the work started and completed. Because of the New Year's holiday, I would set the expectation that the clock (no pun intended) for this time starts on Monday. Therefore, I would expect all work to be completed by February 15<sup>th</sup>. I will certainly keep you updated on the progress and if anything changes."

At this time, Chairperson Brighton stepped down as Chair for this item and Board member England presided over the meeting as Chair.

### Concerns/Comments

- Garth Elliott commented on graffiti activity that has occurred on the clock tower. Discussion followed about enforcement being complaint-driven.
- Susan Severt stated the CAB has to file a formal complaint in order for enforcement to occur.
- Board member Jackson stated there was a special use permit for the clock tower and that everyone was in violation of the permit. Discussion was heard that the design was of a cell tower with a clock face and that the structure was now un-structurally sound and needs to be fixed.
- Board member Jackson commented that this is now a safety issue.

At this time, agenda item 7C was presented.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS (Re-opened) – (The Staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)

**C.\* Legislative Presentation** – Debbie Smith, Legislative representative, will be in attendance to present Legislative issues for discussion before the next legislative session is to begin. (This item is informational only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Assemblywoman Debbie Smith was in attendance to make a presentation. Ms. Smith reported the next Legislative session will begin on February 7, 2011. Budget hearings will begin two weeks prior. The Governor will give his State of the State Address on January 24, 2011. She provided handout information regarding Town Hall Meetings to be held in Reno and Las Vegas on January 29, 2011 at the County Commission Chambers and the 211 Help Line. She stated the Legislature will update the size of the legislative districts to include the new congressional seat. She commented on the importance of legislative districts for Northern Nevada in order to have a voice in the Legislature. Legislative information was available on-line. Ms. Smith stated she would provide legislative booklets for the next CAB meeting and that she could be contacted at her office for information. She reviewed policy issues that will be discussed regarding education, construction, and infrastructure problems. She distributed and reviewed a "State of Our State" handout from John Ocegüera, the new Speaker of the Assembly regarding the negative impact the budget downturn has had on the State.

### Concerns/Comments

- Marge Cutler commented the University of Las Vegas wants to separate and have two Board of Regents'. She asked how that would affect taxes. Ms. Smith stated there was not an appetite for separate governance, but how to better allow them to manage their money otherwise universities will be forced to close.
- Garth Elliott asked if there were other avenues being considered to fund education. He commented that Nevada was number one in mineral wealth and asked about extracting further taxes from that industry. Ms. Smith stated that a change in the mining tax structure would require a constitutional amendment of which there have been never enough votes for a change.
- Chairperson Brighton stated he attended an Investors Conference in Southern California last September and that the feeling was that investors would not invest in the State of Nevada because they felt Nevada has not followed through on infrastructure goals. He commented on fragmented governments in the State and the lack of responsibility.
- Board member Jackson asked about establishing toll roads. Ms. Smith commented that would be one extra problem for attracting tourists to the State. She noted there were never enough votes for establishing a lottery within the State.
- Susan Severt commented on the retirement of Senator Raggio. She asked how Northern Nevada can prevent all of the focus to be directed to Southern Nevada. Ms. Smith commented on the difficulty of finding a replacement with Senator's Raggio's expertise and knowledge.
- Chairperson Brighton requested Ms. Smith be agendized for the March CAB meeting if available.

At this time, agenda item 7B was presented.

**B.\* Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study (Re-opened)** – Representatives from the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC), and its consultants Jacobs Engineering and CH2M HILL, will provide a brief update on the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's progress and provide information regarding an upcoming community workshop to be held in Sun Valley on January 19, 2011. The purpose of the workshop is to share



information and seek community input. The study is evaluating alternatives to relieve congestion on the Pyramid Highway and provide improved connectivity from Pyramid to US 395 and east to Vista Boulevard. Alternatives are being developed and evaluated to provide for today's traffic and anticipated future growth through 2030. This study is an environmental and engineering study being conducted in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For more information, please visit [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com) and click on Hot Topics, Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection EIS. (This item is informational only and no action will be taken.)

Doug Malloy, RTC, stated there would be a public workshop on the project on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center. Workshop notices were made available. Mr. Malloy provided a brief review of the project and the different public workshops to be held for public input.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Susan Severt stated her concern was that individuals at the workshops understand the project and the impact of the project to their community. Mr. Malloy stated presentation material for the workshop has been developed to make the project understandable.
- An audience member stated he lives within the project area, but that he did not receive information regarding public workshops. Mr. Malloy commented on advertising for the workshops.
- Board member Jackson asked if the RTC would attend the GID meeting on January 27, 2011. Mr. Malloy stated they would be in attendance and would provide a scaled down version of information presented at the workshop. Board member Jackson requested a notice be issued about attendance at the GID meeting.
- Susan Severt expressed her thanks to Mr. Malloy for the information he provides to the CAB.
- Chairperson Brighton requested to know the real reason why the road being proposed is going through when the community has voiced their objection against it. Mr. Malloy stated that was a question for the workshop.

#### **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Future agenda items include:** (a) Presentation of the Final Proposal for the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Contaminant Boundary (May meeting); (b) Legislative Presentation

- 10. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m. John Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Brunson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# SPANISH SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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The regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held January 12, 2011 at the Spanish Springs Community Center - 7100 Pyramid Lake Hwy., Spanish Springs, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Greg Prough, Chair. Greg Prough led the salute to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Greg Prough read into the record that William Steward has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the SSCAB as the representative of the Sparks CAC. **MEMBERS PRESENT** - John Bilka, At-Large, Secretary, Christopher Mirando, At-Large, Steve Grosz, At-Large, Vice Chair, Greg Prough, At Large, Chair. William Steward, CAC representative.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Max Bartmess, At Large, unexcused, Kevin Roukey, At Large Alternate, unexcused Darcy Smernis, At Large, excused, and Alfonso Zamora, At-Large, unexcused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Steve Grosz moved to approve the January 12, 2011 agenda as posted. Christopher Mirando seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** - Steve Grosz moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2010 meeting as submitted. John Bilka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.\* **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on this agenda and will also be limited to three minutes per person. This three-minute rule shall also apply to public testimony given during an agenda item. The Chair may modify this time limit for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time per person shall be no less than two minutes. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB as a whole.
  - John Bradbury thanked everyone in the community for supporting the annual craft fair and reported that the crafters donated \$17,887 to the Lazy 5 Regional Park.
  - Greg Prough asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 6.\* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATES**
  - A. Commissioner Robert Larkin was not available to present a report.
  - B. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) (775) 328-2720. To sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written County updates are available online at [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).
- 7.\* **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – (CAB files and correspondence which are part of the public record are on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review. Written correspondence and testimony will be included in the public record when a request is made to make the document a part of the public record and when a copy is provided to the CAB Chair, who forwards the document to the County. Copies of correspondence should be on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review).
  - Greg Prough announced that Darcy Smernis has resigned and local citizens are encouraged to consider volunteering to serve on the SSCAB.
  - Greg Prough stated for the record that he does not care for holding CAB meetings every other month because some important information gets to the community too late to be of service.
  - Greg Prough reported that citizens can log onto [www.washoesheriff.com/firearms](http://www.washoesheriff.com/firearms) that identifies areas that are designated as congested and shooting of firearms is prohibited. Mr. Prough reported that the Nevada Attorney General has filed against Bank of America regarding engaging in deceptive trade practices servicing mortgage home loans. Citizens are encouraged to file complaints with the Attorney General's office and/or contact Representative Dean Heller. Mr. Prough also reported that the ground breaking for phase one of the Renown emergency center has been extended with completion expected in 2016.
- 8.\* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Sergeant Harry Dixon, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was available to report on public safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service. Sgt. Dixon reported that recent crimes reported in Spanish Springs have primarily been vehicle burglaries. Citizens are encouraged to keep their vehicles locked and valuables out of sight. Sgt. Dixon announced that deputies are wearing new badges honoring the centennial celebration of the Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Dixon also encouraged citizens to report any items that could be evidence to help solve crimes. Citizens are reminded that peddlers must have permits issued by the Sheriff's Department.  
**Comments and Concerns**
  - The Sheriff's Department was commended for their rapid response times and attention to calls for service.

- In response to questions raised, Sgt. Dixon encouraged citizens to call 328-3002 for a service request to investigate graffiti. Information is available at: [www.washoesherriff.com](http://www.washoesherriff.com).
- Questions were raised regarding a report of a recent vehicle hit and run incident on Alena.
- In response to questions raised, Sgt. Dixon stated that the Sheriff's Department has received some grant funding for equipment for several law enforcement units. Sgt. Dixon also reported that there have been new hires that are working in the jail at this time.
- Greg Prough asked that in the future, reports from the Sheriff's Department include how funding is being allocated.

#### **9.\*ACTION PLAN/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Search and Rescue** – Max Bartmess was not in attendance to report on recent activities by the search and rescue team operating out of the Spanish Springs Airport.
- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** – Bill Steward, representative of the City of Sparks was available to present a report on matters discussed by the City of Sparks CAC at their most recent meeting. The Sparks City Council was advised by the CAC that public safety and infrastructure is a funding priority.

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS** - (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)

- A.\* Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study** – Doug Maloy, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) presented a brief update on the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's progress and provided information regarding an upcoming community workshop to be held in Sun Valley on January 19, 2011. The purpose of the workshop is to share information and seek community input. The study is evaluating alternatives to relieve congestion on the Pyramid Highway and provide improved connectivity from Pyramid to US 395 and east to Vista Boulevard. Alternatives are being developed and evaluated to provide for today's traffic and anticipated future growth through 2030. This study is an environmental and engineering study being conducted in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For more information, please visit [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com) and click on Hot Topics, Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection EIS. The representative of Jacobs Engineering and CH2M HILL was not available to address questions and concerns. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

##### **Comments and Concerns**

- Mr. Maloy stated that there are plans to schedule stakeholders meetings.
- Mr. Maloy stated that the draft document should take about a year to be ready for presentation and hold public hearings in approximately 2013.

- B. Master Plan Amendment Case No. MPA10-002** – Eric Young, Ph. D. presented a request to amend the Washoe County Master Plan, Volume Two, Spanish Springs Area Plan, to delete Policy SS.17.2.c, otherwise known as the "Commercial Cap," and incorporate other beneficial changes as may be identified during the public input process and properly related to the establishment of commercial and industrial zoning in the Spanish Springs planning area. Staff contact: Eric Young, Planner, 328-3613 or [eyoung@washoecounty.us](mailto:eyoung@washoecounty.us). This item is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. The SSCAB did not make a formal recommendation on this item.

##### **Comments and Concerns**

- Steve Grosz stated that he would like to see the zoning map, how much is built out and what is not yet built. Dr. Young stated that he would include this information in the staff report.
- In response to questions raised, Dr. Young confirmed that the CAB's and community would have the opportunity to submit comments into the record on requests for zoning changes and master plan amendment requests.

- C. Amendment of Conditions Case No. AC10-011 (La Posada Bar and Grill)** – Derek Wilson, Rubicon Design Group presented information on the request to amend condition number 2 of the approved Special Use Permit, Case No. SB09-005 to extend the time for completion of the project. The project site is located at 8995 La Posada Drive, at the northeast corner of La Posada Drive and Pyramid Highway. The ±1.21-acre parcel is designated General Commercial (GC) in the Spanish Springs Area Plan and is situated in a portion of Section 35, T21N, R20E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The property is located in the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board boundary and Washoe County Commission District No. 4. (APN 534-092-04) Staff Representative: Sandra Monsalvé, AICP, Senior Planner 775.328.3608. This item is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Board of Adjustment on February 3, 2011. Mr. Wilson stated that the building could not be removed until the gas line issue was resolved. A landscaping bond is place and a paving and circulation plan is out for approval. Mr. Wilson stated that they are not able to provide a completion date at this time. **MOTION:** Steve Grosz moved to recommend denial of Amendment of Conditions AC10-011 LaPosada Bar and Grill to the Board of Adjustment. Christopher Miranda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **Comments and Concerns**

- Questions were raised regarding restrictions to allow a variance. Mr. Wilson stated that the variance was allowed.

- Concerns were raised regarding widening of Pyramid Highway and whether this project has the approval from Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT).
- Concerns were raised regarding advertisements and debris on the temporary fencing that is an eyesore. Mr. Wilson stated that he would speak to the contractor regarding keeping the site maintained.
- Concerns were raised that the longer the project is delayed, the longer the proposed project is extended, the longer the site is not being maintained.
- Concerns were raised that the applicant is not in attendance and available to address concerns.
- Greg Prough stated that it is not that the community opposes business, but there are concerns about customers leaving the establishment having been drinking alcoholic beverages and then driving the roadways.
- Mr. Wilson stated that he could not confirm a completion date at this time.
- Concerns were raised that the proposed project should have been complete in June 2012 and now the applicant wants to extend completion to 2013. Would the applicant then come back for an additional extension leaving the site unimproved and not maintained.
- Concerns were raised that the request for an extension is premature since the applicant has two more years to complete the project now.

**D.\* Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District (CTMRD) Contaminant Boundary Update -** Chris Benedict, Remediation District Program Manager for the Washoe County Department of Water Resources provided an overview of the CTMRD program, the District's current and proposed contaminant boundaries and the resulting fee changes. Following his presentation, Mr. Benedict was available to address questions and hear comments from the CAB and audience. This proposal is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2011. (This item was informational only and the CAB took no action.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- Mr. Benedict stated that the areas impacted are served by Washoe County and within the TMWA service area.

**E. Lights at Eagle Canyon Park** – Steve Bennett, area resident provided historic information regarding lighting at Desert Winds Park and at every discussion with Washoe County Parks and Recreation that adjacent residents have opposed installation of lights. Mr. Bennett stated that opposition included concerns regarding the noise, trash and other negative impacts that result from late night time use of the park. Mr. Bennett stated that residents do support safety lighting in the parking lot.

**Comments and Concerns**

- John Bradbury provided background information on the installation of lighting at local parks.
- Greg Prough stated that as far as the SSCAB is concerned, approval of the lighting is not a 'done deal' and encouraged Mr. Bennett and his neighbors to get significant support from local residents on a petition to restrict the number of hours the lights would remain on.
- Support was stated for increased law enforcement patrols at the park.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway** – Greg Prough introduced this item for continued discussions on various options and may provide recommendations to the Washoe County Commission expressing the CAB's and community's interest to have the intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway improved. Mr. Prough reported that he is pursuing recognition of the issues from the Governor. There was no updated information from Susan Martinovich, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and from the consortium of developers regarding plans for the intersection. No action was taken by the CAB.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Greg Prough read an e-mail from Rob Ernst regarding traffic issues at the intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Hwy. into the record. A copy of the e-mail will be available for review at the Department of Community Development.
- Concerns were raised that the issues will increase with increased development in the immediate area.
- John Bradbury encouraged getting a video of the traffic violations and presenting them to the Governor.
- John Bilka supported the value of photographs of the intersection.
- Greg Prough stated that he would request targeted enforcement at the intersection.

**12.\*CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS** - (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.)

- Greg Prough reported that Roger White at The Lakes Grill and Manny and Olga's Pizza have agreed to post the SSCAB agendas. Mr. Prough stated that Washoe County has not approved using the media such as Facebook and Twitter as unofficial public information sources. Mr. Prough stated that he is still researching other possible local posting locations.
- William Steward asked if there is any information that this board would like brought to the attention of the Sparks CAC.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Public notification of the SSCAB agendas

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary

# SUN VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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**DRAFT:** *Approval of these draft minutes, or any changes to the draft minutes, will be reflected in writing in the next meeting minutes and/or in the minutes of any future meeting where changes to these minutes are approved by the CAB.*

The regular meeting of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held July 9, 2011, at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Brighton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was heard and a quorum of seven members was determined. .  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Warren Brighton (Chairperson), Bruce England, Patricia Lancaster, James Georges, Jim Brunson, Lisa Louengo, Ralph Spain  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – None
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF JULY 9, 2011** – Chairperson Brighton stated that he would request that the Election of Officers be moved to the last item on the agenda. Bruce England moved to revise the agenda and place the Election of Officers as the last agenda item. James Georges seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chairperson Brighton noted that Commissioner Bonnie Weber would be joining the meeting, but would be late. He introduced the new CAB members, Lisa Louengo and Ralph Spain.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON May 14, 2011** - Pat Lancaster moved to approve the May 14, 2011 meeting minutes, as presented. Lisa Louengo seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **REPORTS AND UPDATES**
  - A. **Updates/Announcements/Correspondence** – Chairperson Brighton reported that the following information is available for anyone wishing to review it: a revised CAB member roster which contains information regarding the new CAB members; a memorandum from Kelly Mullin, Water Management Planner, regarding the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Program 2011 Boundary and Fee Ordinance Amendments; a flyer from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office regarding the ALERT ID Program, and what you can do about graffiti; a memorandum from Lorrie Adams, County Liaison, titled "Washoe County Update". He noted that the last page lists the May, 2011 responses by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Lastly, the Washoe County School District has sent a report regarding the budget, as set by the Board of Trustees, in lieu of an in-person attendance at a CAB meeting to discuss issues pertinent to the children in Sun Valley. Chairperson Brighton commented that he would again attempt to get a School District representative to attend the CAB's September, 2011 meeting. Board member England reported that the Sun Valley Boy Scouts, Troop 52, are holding a rummage sale, car wash and bake sale this week and next weekend at the LDS Church in order to raise funds to enable some members to attend camp.
  - B. **Washoe County Update** – Commissioner Bonnie Weber or Commissioner Kitty Jung may be present for an update on County issues.
    1. "Coffee with Commissioner Weber" will not be held in July or August, but will resume in September on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Sierra Sage Golf Course, 6355 Silver Lake Road in Stead.
    2. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) or at (775) 328-2720. To sign up to receive e-mail updates from the county visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written county updates are available online at: [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).

Commissioner Jung reported:

  - In order to comply with the federal law which is based on the most recent Census data, Washoe County re-districting is underway. She noted there is a possibility that Sun Valley would come under her responsibility rather than that of Commissioner Weber. The goal is to have the decision in place by October, 2011.
  - She welcomed the new CAB members.
  - Washoe County lost the lawsuit regarding the property appraisal rate for Incline Village residents, and the Nevada Supreme Court has ruled that Washoe County will repay approximately \$40 million to the Incline Village residents. At this time, it has not been determined where these funds will come from.
  - The Nevada Supreme Court has ruled that the State of Nevada cannot sweep local funds. Washoe County has requested that the \$21 million that was previously swept by the state be returned to the county.
  - The county is again operating in "emergency mode", and there is a possibility that property taxes will need to be increased in order to pay back the residents of Incline Village per the court's ruling. Bob Fink requested to know the rate of interest that will be imposed on the funds owed. Commissioner Jung responded that this is not known at the present time, but a meeting with legal counsel regarding this issue is scheduled for next week.
  - She is now the point person for issues pertaining to the clock tower rather than Commissioner Weber.

### **Concerns/Comments**

- James Petch requested to know how property taxes can legally be increased, which in effect fines the current property owners for the Appraiser's actions regarding the appraisal rates for Incline Village residents. Commissioner Jung replied that, at this time, she does not have the answer to this question. Board member Lancaster requested to know if Washoe County has risk insurance that would cover this type of action by a county official. Commissioner Jung replied that she will bring this up with legal counsel at the upcoming meeting.

- Susan Severt requested information regarding the Washoe County Commission's action pertaining to fire services. Commissioner Jung reported this will save the county approximately one million dollars per year. She noted that she voted against this action because it was reported by the Fire Coordinators that this would increase the response time in outlying areas.

Chairperson Brighton noted that Commissioner Weber would not be holding a "Coffee with Commissioner Weber" sessions in July or August, 2011.

**C. Reno Fire Safety Update** - There was no one in attendance to present a report.

**D. Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** - There was no one in attendance to present a report.

**E. GID Update** – Darrin Price, Sun Valley GID General Manager, reported the following:

- The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the GID office. Doug Malloy, Project Engineer for the 395 Interchange Project, will be in attendance to provide an update.

- There are recreational fee discounts available for Sun Valley residents who meet the criteria.

- On July 17, 2011, the Sun Valley Fun Sunday event will be held at this location, and funds that are raised will be used to assist the Sun Valley schools.

- On July 28, 2011, Judge Higgins from the City of Sparks will be attending the meeting to report on the graffiti process and how those individuals are prosecuted through the court system. This will help to educate residents so that it can be determined how the citizens can best assist in addressing this issue. He noted that local governmental graffiti programs have either been eliminated or severely reduced.

- There are over five hundred fire hydrants in Sun Valley, and many of the water storage tanks located throughout the valley are to assist in fire suppression.

### **Concerns/Comments**

- Chairperson Brighton requested to know if there would be an increase in water fees. Mr. Price replied that possibly there would be an increase in October or November, 2011.

**F. Red Hill Update** – Board member Brunson reported that work is still going on regarding this project. A meeting was held, and ideas were discussed. Susan Severt reported that both she and Board member Brunson are members of the Red Hill Working Group. The goal of the group is to turn this area into a regional park that could be shared by several communities. Last year, a meeting was held with incoming sixth graders to share the vision for this area and obtain their input. On September 30, 2011, a meeting with the new sixth graders will be held to get their input. On October 21 and 22, 2011, a workshop will be held, and some landscape architects have volunteered their time to design the park at this workshop incorporating the input that has been received from various entities. She pointed out that Washoe County Parks and Recreation Department and the National Parks and Recreation Division of the National Forest Service, as well as many other interested parties, have participated in the planning.

**G. Sun Valley Clock Tower Update** – Chairperson Brighton thanked Commissioners Jung and Weber, as well as Susan Severt for their efforts in trying to resolve this issue. He reported that the clock tower company can't find a local contractor to work on the tower, set the time, etc. He noted that there is an agreement between the property owner and Washoe County regarding the maintenance and support of the clock tower. He questioned why the county staff hasn't determined how they can enforce the contractual agreement that is in place with them, and commented that it is his opinion that what is happening is unacceptable.

### **Concerns/Comments**

- Chairperson Brighton was asked who has the schematics on the clock. It was noted that Susan Severt has a set as well as Washoe County. A representative from Washoe County Planning commented that the builder of the tower is now gone, and it has changed hands approximately three times. Commissioner Jung requested to know if the tower company could be fined, and the Washoe County representative replied that she did not know due to the language in the Special Use Permit and Conditions. She commented that the county is working with the tower company to try to get the issue resolved and they have set the end of 2011 as the time limit to accomplish this. If they don't repair it by then, Code Enforcement would get involved. The issue is that if the tower was not there, it could affect public safety in the area as there would then be no cell facilities nearby.

- Susan Severt requested that the County Commissioner direct her staff to cite the tower company as they are not in compliance. Her issue is that the tower company is collecting fees for the use of the tower from companies that are using it, but they are not maintaining it in violation of the Special Use Permit.

- Commissioner Jung stated that she will work on the issue as soon as possible.

- A member of the audience agreed that this has been an ongoing issue for the past few years, and it is time to get it solved.

- Barry Bouchard commented that there was an article that appeared in a publication a few months ago that spoke of the clock tower, and the conclusions in that article perhaps were premature according to what is being said now.

- Chairperson Brighton suggested that legal counsel be present at the upcoming meeting of county staff scheduled to discuss the issue. Also, the issue regarding who will pick up the trash on the site has not been resolved. He requested that a representative from Washoe County be present at the next CAB meeting to provide a status report. Commissioner Jung agreed.

- A member of the audience requested to know if there has to be a clock in the tower since a clock would always require ongoing maintenance. Chairperson Brighton replied that this is what the agreement states. Commissioner Jung requested to know if a clock in the tower was mandatory. Chairperson Brighton replied that at the present time this is a requirement, and the current issue needs to be resolved first. Following that, a discussion could be held if the company wants to propose something else.

- Darrin Price suggested that a petition be written and placed at the GID offices regarding whether or not the residents are satisfied with how the clock tower is maintained. Those signatures could then be turned over to Washoe County to use in further action by the county.

## **5. REPORTS AND UPDATES - Reopened**

### **B. Washoe County Update – Commissioner Weber reported:**

- The recent court ruling regarding the Incline Village property tax case will be difficult for Washoe County to comply with, but the involvement of the community in issues is very helpful. Commissioner Jung reiterated that she would be the point person for the Sun Valley Clock Tower issue, and has requested that this issue be placed on the Washoe County Commission meeting agenda.

- “Coffee with Commissioner Weber” is not being cancelled, but rather is on summer break for July, August and possibly September, 2011. She encouraged everyone to attend when the sessions resume

- Welcomed the new CAB members.

- Graffiti is an issue in Sun Valley as well as other areas. She has requested that the Washoe County Sheriff's Office make a presentation to the County Commission regarding the Graffiti Program that they have in place, and believes this would be a helpful presentation to make at a CAB meeting as well since this program needs to be community-based.

### **Concerns/Comments**

- An audience member requested to know how to address a property that has items dumped in front of it. In particular, she referred to a property across from the Water District office, and she has called to see what could be done about it. It was noted that this depends on the Code regulations, and this particular property has been addressed by county staff and is now in compliance with the Code. Commissioner Jung commented that there are regulations that address serial garage sales. Commissioner Weber stated that people need to take responsibility for their own property. She pointed out that Code Enforcement is complaint-driven, and encouraged people to address issues on their own when possible since the amount of staff available to work on them has been reduced.

- Vicky Maltman commented there is an issue with a residence at Fourth and Lupin Streets. She has filed several complaints about the condition of the property, but it still has not been fully addressed. A county representative reported that Washoe County has ongoing cases regarding this property. The owner has taken some steps to comply, but financial constraints incurred with the removal of debris have slowed the process. Board member England commented that this particular property is running an illegal recycling business without a permit or license to do so. It was moved, seconded and carried to place the Code Enforcement process on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A.** Garth Elliott commented that graffiti is a very big issue in Sun Valley. He requested a summit to discuss the issue, and requested Washoe County's assistance in setting this up.

**B.** James Petch requested that discussion be held regarding the quantity of chickens, particularly roosters, located in Sun Valley. He suggested that a limit on the number of chickens, and ratio of roosters to hens, that a residence could have be put in place. Chairperson Brighton suggested that this be discussed under the agenda item about animal control.

**C.** Susan Severt reminded those present that some fuels reduction is going to be done in the Sun Valley Regional Park area, mainly along the private property lines, starting in November, 2011 through April, 2012.

**D.** Board member Georges commented that Washoe County did a great job on the sidewalks and other recent construction.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS – (The Staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)**

**A. Administrative Permit Case No. AP11-001–Terry Forcom–Nevada Transmission Exchange –** To allow the operation of an automotive transmission repair facility (Automotive and Equipment-Automotive Repair Use Type). The parcel is located on the east side of 5350 Sun Valley Boulevard, approximately 600 feet south of its intersection with 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley (APN 085-155-18), and is 1.078 acres in size, is zoned General Commercial (GC), is



located within the Sun Valley Area Plan. This request is authorized in Article 302, Allowed Uses, in the Washoe County Development Code, is in Commission District 5, within Section 19, T20N, R20E, MDM Washoe County, NV.

Terry Forcom commented that the business is not open yet. Chairperson Brighton stated that former CAB member John Jackson had contacted him and encouraged the CAB to approve the opening of this business.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Susan Severt commented that she is very happy to see a new business opening in Sun Valley, and hopes that they will be a good neighbor.
- Garth Elliott stated that he also supports the opening of this business, and agreed that this was important to the revitalization of Sun Valley.
- A member of the audience commented that she believed that the business did a great job of cleaning up the existing building and making it more attractive.
- Bob Fink pointed out that the key to the business is that the work is being done inside the building.
- Board member Lancaster requested confirmation that in order for this business to open, it needed a petition with one hundred signatures in support of the business even though it is in a Commercial Zone. Terry Forcom replied that signatures from everyone within five hundred feet of the business, or approval by the Board of Adjustment, was required in order to open the business. Commissioner Jung pointed out that all land use changes are required to come through the CAB first, or they would need to secure their own signatures, such as in this case.

Pat Lancaster moved to approve the opening of Nevada Transmission Exchange and welcome the business to the Sun Valley community. Jim Brunson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**B. Special Use Permit Case No. SB11-004 – Valle Vista** – To establish a gated manufactured home park consisting of 75 units on private streets. The parcel is located at 550 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley (APN 085-122-03), and is 15.33 acres in size, is zoned Medium Density Suburban (MDS), is located within the Sun Valley Area Plan. The request is authorized in accordance with Article 314, Manufactured Home Parks, in the Washoe County Development Code, is in Commission District 5, within Section 20, T20N, R20E, MDM, Washoe County, NV.

Gary Probert introduced himself and stated that he was representing the applicant.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- A member of the audience commented that he owns property adjacent to this project. He noted that there is a natural drainage ditch that runs through that property. He requested to know how this would be handled as he recently tried to get a permit to put in a fence in this area, and Washoe County denied it because eight feet of his property was in the Flood Zone. It took several discussions with county personnel, but he was finally able to obtain a permit. He requested to know how homes could be built on this drainage ditch.

A suggestion was made that the applicant's representative provide a presentation on the project prior to further discussion.

Sandra Monsalve commented that she was the Senior Planner for Washoe County, and she would be the one writing the staff report and putting the conditions together to take to the Planning Board.

Gary Probert reviewed the project site, and noted that the project will be a private, gated community with 75 manufactured homes on private streets built to Washoe County standards. There will be recreational amenities, and will be controlled by a Home Owners' Association (HOA). Mr. Probert stated that this project is out of the drainage line.

- A neighbor adjacent to the property commented that she was not pleased with the prospect of the traffic coming and going out of this project right next to her home.

• Board member Lancaster requested to know if there was only one entrance and exit for seventy-five homes. Mr. Probert replied that there is a secondary emergency exit with a gate that would tie into Pearl Drive.

• Mrs. Berg, resident on Gepford Parkway, requested to know why this project is necessary. She expressed concern regarding the noise and traffic as a result of the project.

• Robert Fink requested confirmation that the area where the ditch is located is not included in the developed area. Mr. Probert agreed, and commented that the ditch is not on their property. Mr. Fink requested information regarding the fencing that will be put in. Mr. Probert replied that there is different fencing for different areas, and he and Ms. Monsalve reviewed the Code requirements. Mr. Fink commented that some areas of fencing needed to be reviewed very closely due to the issues with the drainage ditch.

• Board member England requested to know what is going to be done regarding maintenance of the public roads in that area, particularly since they are presently only two lanes and the project will be increasing the traffic volume significantly. Sandra Monsalve stated that she needs to have further discussion with the Traffic Engineers to see if there will be enough of a traffic volume increase to require a Traffic Report. Board member England requested a review of the difference between the issuance of a Special Use Permit and a Building Permit. Ms. Monsalve replied that the Special Use Permit process is to allow development that has potential impact, and conditions can be imposed to mitigate any potential negative impact. The Building Permit can't be issued until these conditions are met in the developer's plans.



- James Petch requested to know if walk paths or sidewalks will be put in place between the project and Scolari's. Ms. Monsalve replied that this would have to be required by Engineering, and she didn't know if this would be a requirement.

- Board member Brunson requested to know who will be doing the maintenance of the property on an ongoing basis since it will be rental property. Gary Probert replied that the common areas and any properties that weren't leased would be maintained by the HOA. The HOA will oversee any leased properties, and properties will need to be maintained in compliance with the regulations that have been adopted by the HOA and recorded with Washoe County.

- Board member Brunson expressed his concern with just one entrance and exit. In his opinion, Fourth Street was big enough to handle it. He suggested that another main entrance be put in place that goes out onto Gepford Parkway. Mr. Probert responded that the project does not have excess to Gepford Parkway as there is private property between the project site and Gepford Parkway.

- Susan Severt requested to know where the drainage from the project will be directed. Mr. Probert replied that any drainage will be retained on site and directed towards the back side of the project's recreational area where a retention pond will be put in place. Ms. Severt commented that there is a lot of water that collects in this area, and it has been her experience that retention ponds are not maintained. She stated that Sun Valley has worked very hard to get away from the mobile home image, and the requirement that a home be on a minimum of one-third acre was put in place to help facilitate this. Also, she has a major concern regarding having only one entrance and exit. Mr. Probert commented that the project is outside of FEMA's One Hundred Year Flood Plane, as is the retention pond.

- Garth Elliott commented that he hopes the project uses construction techniques that help keep it from becoming a target of graffiti.

- A member of the audience stated that she lives on top of the hill, and when it rains or snows, the area under discussion gets flooded. Also, Fourth Street is not constructed to handle a significant increase in traffic volume. She noted that just having the church there and the traffic that it generates creates overcrowding of the street. She pointed out that she will be looking down on the project, and she doesn't want to look down on an eyesore.

- A member of the audience spoke about the drainage problems that he has seen going across his property in the several years he has lived in Sun Valley.

- Board member Brunson requested to know if the developer has funds to totally complete the project as he didn't want to see any more half-finished projects. Gary Probert replied that the project will be built in four phases, and he reviewed them.

- A member of the audience requested to know how the project will attract customers who would rather have their own land, particularly given the current situation that one in five homes in Sun Valley are empty.

- Darrin Price commented that water and sewage facilities are currently in place, but the project will have to bring the water rights. He suggested that the storage area be placed at the back of the project rather than at the front.

- A member of the audience requested to know if people are going to be allowed to bring their own manufactured homes into the project, or will they all be new. Mr. Probert responded that they could bring their own homes into the project, but they will have to be manufactured homes rather than mobile homes and they will need to meet certain criteria.

- Board member Lancaster stated that concerns have been expressed regarding the one entrance and exit that will increase traffic flow on Fourth Street. Also, there are concerns about the Flood Plane and the upkeep of the project. She requested to know the timeframe of the project. Mr. Probert replied that the developer has requested the ability to start the project at a later time, based upon the economy, with a maximum timeframe of six years. Board member England commented that he doesn't want to see a project that would be under construction for years.

- Chairperson Brighton stated that, in his opinion, neither the traffic issues on Fourth Avenue nor the water issues have been properly addressed. He suggested that this project be brought back for further discussion after more research is done. Board member Spain suggested that a community meeting with the engineers, developers and residents who live in the area be scheduled. It was noted that the CAB should take some action at this meeting because the developer will move to the next level with or without this action. It could then be brought back to the CAB for further discussion as suggested. Susan Severt suggested that the CAB take action stating that at this time they do not support the Special Use Permit due to the issues that were brought up at the meeting.

Jim Brunson moved that Special Use Permit Case No. SB11-004 – Valle Vista not be approved as presented. Ralph Spain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**C. Washoe County Regional Animal Services Update** – Lt. Bobby Smith, Washoe County Regional Animal Services, introduced himself. He reviewed statistics for the past fiscal year: the service responded to 34,769 calls for service, which equates to approximately 2,300 calls per officer; about one-third of the calls received were for stray animals; staffing has been reduced from nineteen to fifteen officers, and it is possible that further reductions will be made. Due to staff reductions, dispatch has been brought in-house. Lt. Smith commented that a new civil penalty process has been instituted whereby people who have not paid the fines that have been issued to them can have their tax returns levied. It was noted that payment from the property owner can also be pursued if no payment is received from a tenant. He reviewed steps that can be taken to address the issue of an animal that is running loose

such as taking a picture or video of the animal and writing a statement that the animal is frequently running loose. Lt. Smith stated that in response to an earlier comment, the issue of roosters making noise can be addressed through the civil penalty complaint process. He pointed out that the department does have video cameras that can be used to record what is happening in your neighborhood. The dispatch number is 322-3647. Lastly, it was noted that in Sun Valley dogs can be under "voice control" as there is no leash law. A leash law would need to be instituted by action of the Washoe County Commissioners.

**E. CERT Presentation** – Kaydie Paschall, CERT Coordinator, introduced herself. She reported that the CERT Program is a volunteer program that allows residents to learn about disaster preparedness. This is a twenty-four hour course that is open to all interested residents. Classes are held four or five times a year, and they are also available for groups and organizations. CERT volunteers are trained to handle an emergency until first responders can get on scene, and they also provide support services during a community disaster. Ms. Paschall noted that brochures and applications are available for anyone who is interested.

**Concerns/Comments**

- Board member England requested to know how he could take the course since he can't make the established meeting schedule of two consecutive weekends. Ms. Paschall replied that if you take the first weekend course, then you could take the second portion with one of the special sessions for organizations or businesses, or take it during the next regularly scheduled course session.

**8. OLD BUSINESS** – There is no Old Business agenda item for review.

**9. CHAIR/MEMBER COMMENTS** - No comments were offered.

**Future agenda items include:** (a) Discussion with representative from Washoe County School District; (b) Sun Valley Clock Tower update; (c) Code Enforcement Process; (d) Special Use Permit Case No. SB11-004 – Valle Vista

**7. NEW BUSINESS** – Reopened

**D. Election of Officers** – Jim Brunson nominated Warren Brighton for the office of Chairperson. Pat Lancaster seconded the nomination. The motion carried. Warren Brighton nominated Bruce England for the office of Vice-Chairperson. Ralph Spain seconded the motion. The motion carried. Bruce England nominated Lisa Louengo for the office of Secretary. Pat Lancaster seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m. Ralph Spain moved to adjourn the meeting. James Georges seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# SUN VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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**DRAFT:** *Approval of these draft minutes, or any changes to the draft minutes, will be reflected in writing in the next meeting minutes and/or in the minutes of any future meeting where changes to these minutes are approved by the CAB.*

The special meeting of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held November 5, 2011, at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center, 115 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun Valley, Nevada.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Brighton called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was heard and a quorum of five members was determined.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Warren Brighton (Chairperson), Patricia Lancaster, Ralph Spain, Bruce England, Lisa Luengo  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – James Georges, Jim Brunson
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any person is invited to speak on any item on or off the agenda during this period. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda as an action item. Comment under this item will be limited to three minutes per person.  
**A.** Leo Horishny requested to know why there was no non-motorized access to the Sun Valley area. He suggested Scottsdale to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue be considered for non-motorized traffic.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2011** – Pat Lancaster moved to approve the November 5, 2011 meeting agenda. Bruce England seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2011** – Pat Lancaster moved to approve the September 10, 2011 meeting minutes. Ralph Spain seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. **REPORTS AND UPDATES - The following reports and updates will be limited to five minutes each.** (These items are informational only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)  
**A. Updates/Announcements/Correspondence** – Chairperson Brighton reported the following:
  - Washoe County was looking for volunteers for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.
  - He received the Board of Adjustment Action Order regarding the Valle Vista project. He stated all questions regarding this project have been covered.
  - There was a parvo virus alert for the Washoe County area. Dogs under four months should not be off-lease and vaccinations should be current.
  - Flu shots were currently available.
  - The Washoe County Health District's Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) will begin issuing a daily air quality color code with regards to wood burning.
  - A pet cemetery ordinance was being developed for the Washoe County area.

Board member Lancaster reported the Sun Valley Post Office was currently under review. It will take five months to close it. She stated residents had approximately one week to write letters opposing the closure.

## **Concerns/Comments**

- Susan Severt provided flyers with mailing label information of all elected officials. She encouraged residents to write letters opposing the closure.
- B. Washoe County Update** – Commissioner Bonnie Weber or Commissioner Kitty Jung may be present for an update on County issues. Unless a specific topic is listed and scheduled for consideration in connection with any of these reports, the CAB may not deliberate towards a decision or take any action on items raised during these reports until the items are specifically included on a later agenda.
1. "Coffee with Commissioner Weber" is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Sierra Sage Golf Course, 6355 Silver Lake Road in Stead.
  2. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) or at (775) 328-2720. To sign up to receive e-mail updates from the county visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written county updates are available online at: [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).

There was no one in attendance to present a report.

**C. Activity and Incident Reports by Regional/County Department** - These reports are based on need as determined by the departments as well as the availability of presenters. Unless a specific topic is listed and scheduled for consideration in connection with any of these reports, the CAB may not deliberate towards a decision or take any action on items raised during these reports until the items are specifically included on a later agenda.

1. **Reno Fire Safety Update** – There was no one in attendance to present a report. Chairperson Brighton stated he received a press release announcing Chief Mike Greene's resignation effective November 10, 2011, due to health reasons.

**2. Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – Sgt. Morgan Jack reported a full-time deputy was assigned to investigate graffiti cases in addition to the clean-up crews.

**Concerns/Comments**

- Vicky Maltman stated she receives the alerts from the Sheriff's Office. She asked about the cause of the recurring activity in the 5600 Sun Valley Boulevard area. Sgt. Jack stated it was not due to a business, but that the area was the natural focal point for juveniles and gang activity.
- Leo Horishny asked how Washoe County interacts with BLM with regards to graffiti activity occurring outside of the county. Sgt. Jack stated it would be useful to provide Washoe County with graffiti activity occurring outside of the County, but the County has a good working relationship with BLM.
- Darrin Price asked how many warnings have been issued with regards to the new cell phone law. Sgt. Jack stated, to-date, approximately 155 written warnings have been issued, but that there has been a significant decrease in cell phone use while driving since the new law.
- Vicky Maltman asked if scooters were street legal. Sgt. Jack replied yes. He stated bicycle rules of the road apply to scooters.
- Robert Fink thanked the Sheriff's Office for patrolling the area.

**D. GID Update** – Darrin Price, SVGID General Manager, reported the following:

- They were preparing the "Wish Tree", which will provide gifts to children in the Sun Valley area during the Christmas holiday.
- A free Veteran's Day Celebration BBQ will be held on Friday, November 11, 2011 at the Sun Valley Community Center from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- GID residents may be eligible for garbage fee and recreational fee discounts.
- A graffiti presentation was given at the GID Board meeting. Information was provided on the website.
- TMWA was proposing a water rate increase by next summer.
- He thanked Washoe County for reviewing available Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the area.
- They would be discussing events for the area with the Reno Big Horns at the Thursday, November 10, 2011 GID meeting.
- The Board of County Commissioners will be reviewing the 2011-12 Snow Removal Plan at their November 8, 2011 meeting. The plan and map information could be reviewed on the Washoe County website.

**Concerns/Comments**

- Chairperson Brighton noted the graffiti presentation will be presented to the SVCAB at the January 2012 meeting. GID and non-GID information can be reviewed at [www.svgid.com](http://www.svgid.com).

**E. Red Hill Update** – Susan Severt reported a two-day workshop was held to develop maps and plans for the Red Hill Regional Park. A formal presentation will be made in the future to obtain public input. She provided a brief summary of the proposed plans that would provide access to non-motorized traffic and would close open caves.

**Concerns/Comments**

- Board member Spain asked how close the US 395 Interchange project would be to the park. Ms. Severt stated it would not affect the park area.
- Leo Horishny asked if another workshop will be held to present the plan or will it be presented to the CAB. Ms. Severt stated it may be presented to the CAB.

**F. Sun Valley Clock Tower Update** – Chairperson Brighton reported the clock is working, so discussion can begin about replacing it with a less maintenance-intensive system. David Hockey, TowerCo, explained all three motors in the clock tower have been replaced, so the request is to leave the clock tower as is until another maintenance issue occurs.

**Concerns/Comments**

- Darrin Price asked who would be providing maintenance to the clock tower. Mr. Hockey reviewed the operational agreement in place with Amalgamated. Mr. Price suggested there should be more commitment from TowerCo regarding maintenance, because of the public effort that was needed to get maintenance for the tower up to this point.

**7. NEW BUSINESS** – (The Staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)

**A.\* Washoe County School District Redistricting Plan Update** – Randy A. Drake, Chief General Counsel for the Washoe County School District, will give a presentation regarding proposed changes to the Washoe County School District Board of Trustee boundaries resulting from the 2010 Census. Mr. Drake will discuss why redistricting is needed and what criteria is used in establishing new district boundaries, present several possible map redistricting proposals, and identify what impacts these new boundaries might have on the community. The School District is seeking input from the CAB members and citizens. (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

With a slide and map presentation, Randy A. Drake, WCSD General Counsel, reviewed Public Trustee information and the redistricting plan that could affect the Sun Valley area. He explained current statute allows for redistricting

based on population density. He stated feedback information could be provided on their website and given to the Trustees on November 22, 2011 for review and vote.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Barbara Clark commented on reviewing this issue as a community.
- Robert Fink asked if the trustee would come from within the district. Mr. Drake stated, by state law, the trustee would have to live within the district they represent, but not within the region.
- Board member Lancaster asked how this would affect the middle and high school. Mr. Drake stated only the elementary schools would be affected.
- Susan Severt stated she had no issue with this plan because all four schools would be represented.

**B. Amendment of Conditions Case No. AC11-007 (Complete Wireless on the Sun Valley Clock Tower for Verizon Wireless)** – To amend condition number 1 of approved Special Use Permit Case No. SW0010-023, to colocate nine (9) additional antennas onto the wireless monopole/clock tower. The proposed facility is located at 105 E. Gepford Parkway, in Sun Valley, just east of Sun Valley Boulevard (APN 085-155-021). The  $\pm 1.10$ -acre parcel is designated Public Semi-Public Facilities (PSP) in the Sun Valley Area Plan. This request is authorized in Article 810, Special Use Permits in the Washoe County Development Code, is in Commission District 5, within Section 19, T20N, R20E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. Staff Representative: Sandra Monsalve, AICP, Senior Planner, 775.328.3608, [smonsalve@washoecounty.us](mailto:smonsalve@washoecounty.us). This amendment is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on December 6, 2011.

Lana Shearer, Verizon Wireless, distributed photographic information for review and explained the request was to increase the height of the Sun Valley Clock Tower to hide the proposed antennas. She clarified the request was to colocate twelve (12) antennas.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Board member England suggested painting the clock tower to bring attention back to the clock tower. Darrin Price noted it would have to be approved by the Planning Commission.
- Robert Fink commented that upgrades could be done as long as the clock remains working.
- Sandra Monsalve stated condition upgrades could be submitted to the Design Review Committee for approval.
- Chairperson Brighton stated that, in his opinion, the upgrade to the communication back bone for Sun Valley was more important than the clock tower.
- Susan Severt stated she had great concerns over the operation of the clock. She suggested graffiti found on the proposed fencing be taken care of immediately.

Pat Lancaster moved to approve amendments of Special Use Permit Case No: SW0010-023. Ralph Spain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:25 a.m., Chairperson Brighton called for a short break. At 10:34 p.m., the meeting reconvened.

### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.\* Discussion regarding citizen concerns relating to proposed locations for the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connector Project** – Bob Larkin, Washoe County Commissioner and Washoe County Regional Transportation Commissioner, will provide an update on the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Project and address citizen concerns regarding the proposed southern routes versus possible northern routes. The proposed Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connector Project is part of a federal study for an east-west connector which must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that requires consideration of all reasonable alternatives. The Regional Transportation Commission Board is currently only looking into various possible routes for the connector and no decisions regarding the final route have been made at this time. (This item is informational only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Washoe County Commissioner, Bob Larkin stated this project was comprised of four separate, but inter-related projects. With presentation maps, he reviewed the locations of the four projects. He stated it was a \$600 million project and that District 4 has seen an increase in growth and congestion problems.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Darrin Price commented on air quality and speeding concerns. He suggested some of the economic savings from the project be invested back into the Sun Valley community for such things as sidewalks. Commissioner Larkin encouraged residents to submit to him specific projects. Mr. Price stated bike plans have been submitted.
- Leo Horishny expressed his concern with the overpass and additional traffic in the area when there is no access for non-motorized traffic.
- Vicky Maltman stated, in her opinion, this project is not good for the Sun Valley community and that this project should not be forced onto the Sun Valley residents. Commissioner Larkin commented on the need for economic growth for the region.
- Robert Fink suggested roads be better planned for areas.
- Susan Severt stated that, in her opinion, the big issue is that this project was kept secret from Sun Valley residents; therefore, trust has been broken.

- Board member Lancaster stated she does not understand why the northern approach has been setback and not completed first. She expressed her opposition to the overpass. Board member Lancaster asked why the northern portion will not be completed first. Commissioner Larkin explained the State of Nevada wanted the emphasis to be on the portion that would be the state highway.
- Board member Spain stated he is one of the residents that will be affected by this project and that RTC was not notifying residents affected by this project or answering questions. He commented that this project would not help, but hinder traffic congestion already in the area.
- Board member England questioned if this project is still needed because the RTC was going off of data from 2000 and that RTC went on record saying that if the project did not work, they would just "put it back".
- Discussion followed regarding the lack of communication from RTC to Sun Valley residents and for the RTC to provide written answers to some of the most commonly asked questions by residents regarding this project.
- Darrin Price clarified the GID never voted on this project, but were directed to inform RTC staff of resident concerns.
- Commissioner Larkin suggested Chairperson Brighton be authorized to present a written list of questions and concerns at the next RTC Commission meeting on Friday, November 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. during public comment.

**9. CHAIR/MEMBER COMMENTS** - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.

There was no information presented.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any person is invited to speak on any item on or off the agenda during this period. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda as an action item. Comment under this item will be limited to three minutes per person.

**A.** Vicky Maltman informed the CAB that the cell phone store is open.

**B.** Susan Severt stated no special use permit was needed for the cell phone store and that students were being re-zoned. Construction was being completed on Sun Valley Elementary. She encouraged residents to petition the closure of the post office and noted that, if the post office closes, the building will go back to the Washoe County Parks and Recreation Department.

**C.** Nick Taylor asked if Spanish Spring students would have to find another way besides the bus to get to school. Ms. Severt explained the goal is to have current students complete their schooling at their current school and not be re-zoned.

**D.** Darrin Price stated volunteers were needed for the Sun Valley Landowners Association.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m. Bruce England moved to adjourn the meeting. Ralph Spain seconded the motion. The motion carried.